



# Report

Report to:	<b>Housing &amp; Technical Resources Committee</b>
Date:	<b>10 August 2022</b>
Report by:	<b>Executive Director (Housing and Technical Resources)</b>
Subject:	<b>Disposal of Vacant Domestic Dwelling House at 1 Newhousemill Cottages, Newhousemill Road, East Kilbride, G74 2LD</b>

## 1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ request approval to declare the vacant dwelling house at 1 Newhousemill Cottages, Newhousemill Road, East Kilbride, surplus to the operational requirements of Housing Services and progress its disposal

## 2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Committee is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

- (1) that the vacant property at 1 Newhousemill Cottages, as shown on the attached plan, be declared surplus to the operational requirements of Housing Services
- (2) that the Executive Director (Housing and Technical Resources) be authorised to deal with disposal of the property from the Housing Account through the Council's normal surplus property procedure
- (3) that the Executive Director (Housing and Technical Resources), in consultation with the Head of Administration and Legal Services, be authorised to conclude all matters in respect of any subsequent disposal and enter into the necessary legal agreements in terms which are in the best interest of the Council

## 3. Background

- 3.1. The property at 1 Newhousemill Cottages, East Kilbride was acquired by East Kilbride District Council from East Kilbride Development Corporation in December 1995 and transferred to South Lanarkshire Council at Local Government Re-organisation. It comprises a 1 bedroom, end terraced, non-traditional, sandstone cottage which is unique in terms of the Council's current residential property portfolio in the East Kilbride area.
- 3.2. The property's construction type differs from the remainder of the housing stock and is adjoined to similar, terraced, sandstone cottages that are now wholly, privately owned.
- 3.3. The property has been upgraded, in part, through the Housing Investment Programme, however, requires significant investment if it is to meet Scottish Housing Quality Standard. The previous tenancy has ended and the property is currently vacant. Disposal of the asset is considered to be the preferred solution in terms of property management.

3.4. It is recommended that the property be declared surplus and the Asset and Estates Section be instructed to market the property for sale on the open market.

#### **4. Employee Implications**

4.1. There are no employee implications arising from this report.

#### **5. Financial Implications**

5.1. Disposal of the property will generate a capital receipt which will contribute to the Housing Account's capital investment programme. A Home Report will be required prior to marketing and it is anticipated that the property will generate a high level of interest.

5.2. Disposal of this property will reduce the Council's liability in terms of management, investment and maintenance.

#### **6. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications**

6.1. There are no climate change, sustainability, environmental or risk implications in terms of the information contained within this report.

#### **7. Other Implications**

7.1. There are no other implications contained within this report.

#### **8. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements**

8.1. This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a change to existing policy, function or strategy and therefore, no impact assessment is required.

8.2. There was also no requirement to undertake any consultation in terms of the information contained in this report.

**Daniel Lowe**

**Executive Director (Housing and Technical Resources)**

7 July 2022

#### **Link(s) to Council Values/Priorities/Outcomes**

- ◆ Accountable, effective, efficient and transparent
- ◆ Good quality, suitable and sustainable places to live

#### **Previous References**

- ◆ None

#### **List of Background Papers**

- ◆ None

#### **Contact for Further Information**

If you would like to inspect the background papers or want further information, please contact:-

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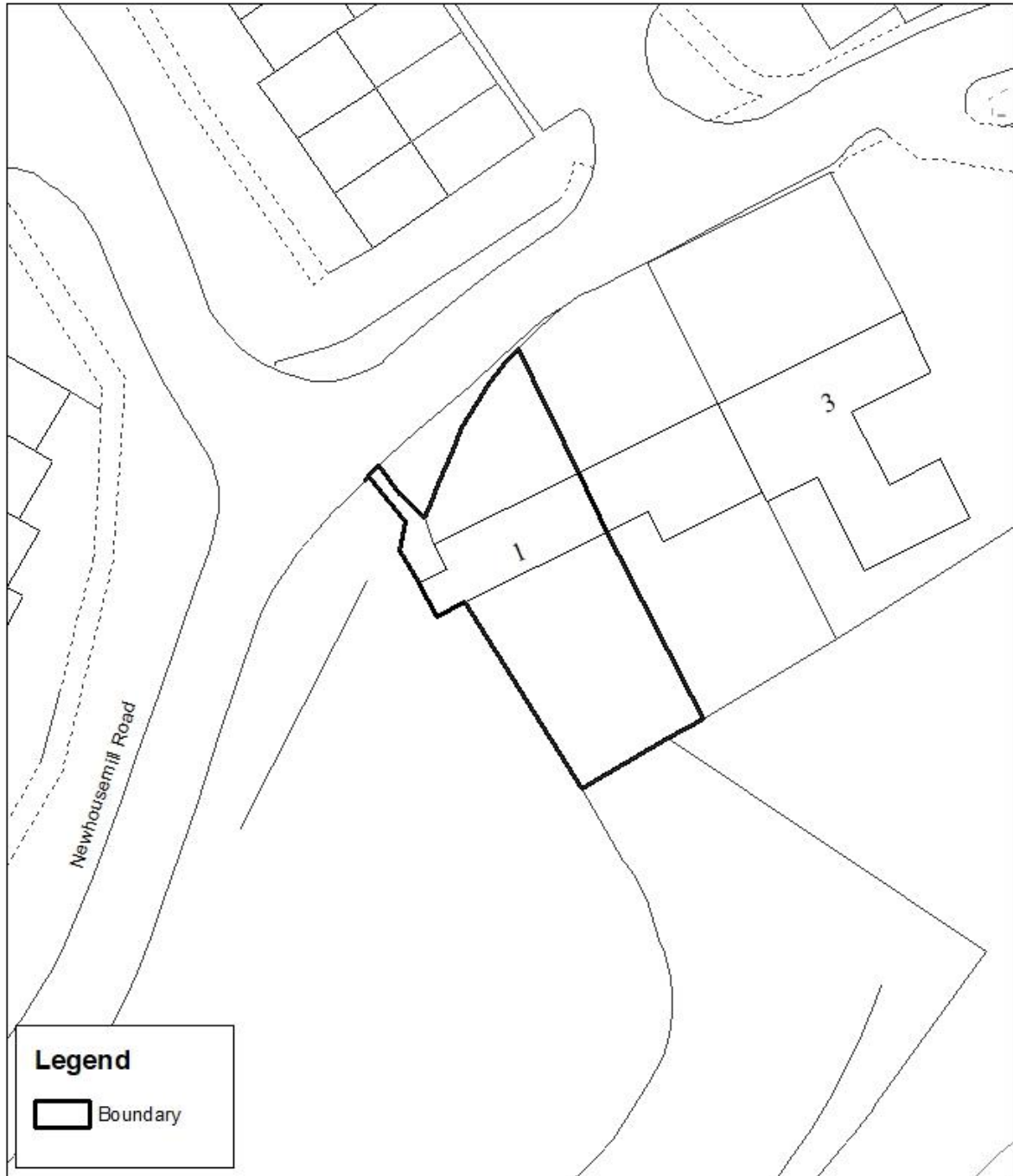
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# LOCATION PLAN - For Committee Purposes Only

1 Newhousemill Cottages  
Newhousemill Road  
East Kilbride



## HOUSING AND TECHNICAL



### Legend

 Boundary

Ordnance Survey



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Area outlined in Black 486 sqm or thereby

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