

Committee:	Executive	Agenda Item No.:	8.
Date:	28 <sup>th</sup> May 2012	Status	Open
Category	2. Decision within the functions of Executive		
Subject:	Improvement Scrutiny Review - Unused Council Land, Garages and Garage Plots		
Report by:	Councillor H. Gilmour, Chair of the Improvement Scrutiny Committee		
Other Officers Involved	Performance and Quality Officer		
Director	Director of Development Director of Neighbourhoods		
Relevant Portfolio Holder	Councillor A. Tomlinson, Portfolio Holder for Regeneration		

#### **RELEVANT CORPORATE AIMS**

STRATEGIC ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT – Continually improving our organisation.

Please specify how the proposals help to deliver the corporate aims.

Make the best use of our people and other assets

#### **TARGETS**

Does the subject matter contribute to any targets specified in the Corporate Plan?

SOD 01 - Reduce the Council's overall spend in accordance with the Savings Strategy by March 2013.

#### **VALUE FOR MONEY**

Please describe how the proposals deliver value for money for the Council and its customer.

Continue to monitor, review and improve the economy, efficiency and effectiveness of all Council Services

## **THE REPORT**

Towards the end of the financial year in 2012, the Improvement Scrutiny Committee completed a Scrutiny Review of Unused Council Land, Garages and Garage Plots. Elected Members were concerned that Grounds Maintenance and Cleansing budgets were being needlessly spent on land that could alternatively be disposed of.

With the Council still to find further savings in the next few years, it was considered timely to review this area with a view to identifying what savings have been made, what further savings could be found and whether the service or area of spend provides the Authority with value for money. The Council is taking this issue seriously and has dedicated a Portfolio Holder, Councillor Duncan McGregor to oversee budgets and savings.

## **ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION**

The Improvement Scrutiny Committee's recommendations.

## **IMPLICATIONS**

Financial :	None
Legal :	None
Human Resources :	None

## **RECOMMENDATION**

Executive consider approval of the recommendations outlined in the report.

ATTACHMENT:	<b>Unused Council Land, Garages and Garage Plots Scrutiny Review report</b>
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