

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

CENTRAL JOINT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 25 NOVEMBER 2010 AT 1005 HOURS IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK

PRESENT: Councillors Douglas Reid, Maureen McKay, Tom Cook, Barney Menzies, Jimmy Kelly and Kathy Morrice; William Cree and Stewart Dorbie (TGWU); Brian Reid, Liz McCulloch and Jane Beale (Unison); Janet Mitchell (GMB); and Andy Wilson (UCATT).

ATTENDING: Fiona Lees, Chief Executive; Elizabeth Morton, Depute Chief Executive/ Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services; Alex McPhee, Executive Director of Finance and Corporate Support; Eddie Fraser, Head of Community Care; Martin Rose, Head of Human Resources; Jane Richmond, Operations Manager, Onsite Services; and Jennifer Morrison, Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Arthur West, Trade Union Convener, Tracey Dalling, Unison Full Time Official and Louise Gilmour, GMB Full Time Official.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Hugh Ross, Iain Linton and Drew McIntyre; Jennifer Elliot (TGWU).

CHAIR: Arthur West, Trade Union Convenor.

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

1. In the absence of the Chair and Vice Chair it was agreed that Arthur West, Trade Union Convenor be appointed as Chair.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

2. The Committee resolved "That under Section 50A (4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, as amended, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 11 of schedule 7A of the Act".

BUDGET CONSULTATION 2011/ 2012

3. There was tabled an early copy of the budget consultation 2011/ 2012 report which was being submitted to the Cabinet meeting on 1 December 2010. It was noted that this was not a consultation document but was being presented to this Special meeting as an early indication of what was being submitted to the Cabinet meeting.

There then followed a presentation by the Executive Director of Finance and Corporate Support which covered the following areas in relation to the Budget Consultation 2011/ 2012.

- (i) the National background;
- (ii) the Scottish Budget 2011/ 2012;
- (iii) the Strategic Review of the Council's Revenue Budget;

- (iv) business reviews;
- (v) review of departmental budget lines;
- (vi) spending reviews in relation to the Fairer Scotland Fund;
- (vii) performance reviews which had been carried out;
- (viii) issues around Workforce planning;
- (ix) arrangements for consultation and engagement on the 2011/ 2012 budget;
- (x) the total cost of Council services, the assets which the Council have, and the Services which the Council provides;
- (xi) the estimated budget gap and the approach to how the gap could be closed;
and
- (xii) an examination of the arrangements for consultation on the budget and the engagement process in East Ayrshire.

There then followed the opportunity for members of the Committee to ask questions.

The meeting concluded by noting that there were around 60 meetings being held that day with the employees/ outside organisations who could potentially identify themselves in the Budget Consultation Report. It was noted that the Head of Human Resources would write to the Trade Unions following the Cabinet meeting informing them of the Cabinet decision and providing them with details of the employee implication arising from the consultation document.

Councillor Tom Cook joined the meeting during discussion of the above item.

The meeting terminated at 1050 hours.