

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

CENTRAL JOINT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 3 FEBRUARY 2011 AT 0905 HOURS IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK

PRESENT: Councillors Douglas Reid, Iain Linton, Maureen McKay, Hugh Ross, Tom Cook, Barney Menzies, Jimmy Kelly and Kathy Morrice; Jennifer Elliot and Stewart Dorbie (TGWU); Brian Reid, Liz McCulloch and Jane Beale (Unison); Janet Mitchell (GMB); Brian McBurnie (AMICIS/ AEEU); and Andy Wilson (UCATT).

ATTENDING: Fiona Lees, Chief Executive; Alex McPhee, Executive Director of Finance and Corporate Support; Graham Short, Executive Director of Educational and Social Services; Martin Rose, Head of Human Resources; John Griffiths, Head of Leisure Services; Andrew Kennedy, Acting Head of Facilities Management; George Park, Employee Relations Manager and Jennifer Morrison, Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Arthur West, Trade Union Convener, Tracey Dalling, (Unison) Full Time Official and Jim Winter, (TGWU) Full Time Official.

APOLOGIES: Paul Bennett, (UCATT) Full Time Official and Louise Gilmour, (GMB) Full Time Official.

CHAIR: Jennifer Elliot, Chair.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

1. 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 item of business on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 11 of schedule 7A of the Act".

PROPOSED BUDGET 2011/ 2012

2. The Executive Director of Finance and Corporate Support gave a presentation on the Council's proposed budget for 2011/ 2012. The presentation was made on the basis that it contained very early information which the Cabinet would not consider until Wednesday 9 February 2011. The presentation in relation to the proposed revenue budget 2011/ 2012 covered the following areas:-
 - (i) Financial Overview;
 - (ii) Savings Package;
 - (iii) Questions and Suggestions;
 - (iv) Comments on Proposals;
 - (v) Recommendations to Cabinet and Council;
 - (vi) Changes to Savings Package;
 - (vii) Reduction in Employees;
 - (viii) Potential Compulsory Redundancies; and
 - (ix) Future Years.

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

Arthur West, Trade Union Convenor raised a point with regard to the optimisation of use of Council buildings. The Chief Executive confirmed that a Council wide review of assets was being undertaken this year, and it was the Chief Executive's intention to have focused consultation on this issue at JCC meetings.

Councillor Iain Linton joined the meeting during discussion of the above item.

The meeting terminated at 0930 hours.