

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

CABINET

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 13 FEBRUARY 2008
AT 1000 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS,
LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Douglas Reid, Iain Linton, John MacKay, Jim Buchanan, Hugh Ross, Robert McDill, Eric Jackson, Jim Roberts and Kathy Morrice.

ATTENDING: Elizabeth Morton, Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support; Graham Short, Executive Director of Educational and Social Services; William Stafford, Executive Director of Educational and Social Services; Alex McPhee, Executive Head of Finance and Asset Management; Jackie Donnelly, Executive Head of Social Work; David Mitchell, Head of Legal, Procurement and Regulatory Services; Joe McLachlan, Corporate Accounting Manager; and Robert Beaton, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGY: Councillor Jim Todd.

CHAIR: Councillor Douglas Reid, Chair.

MANAGEMENT AND RESOURCES

PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT - PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS

1. There was submitted a report dated 7 February 2008 (circulated) by the Executive Head of Finance and Asset Management which sought approval of Prudential Indicators relating to Capital Expenditure up to 2010/11.

Cabinet agreed:-

- (i) to recommend to Council that the Prudential Indicators as set out in paragraphs 3.1 to 3.7 of the report be approved; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

REVENUE BUDGET 2008/09 - 2010/11 - COUNCIL TAX AND RENT LEVELS

2. There was submitted a report dated 8 January 2008 (circulated) by the Executive Head of Finance and Asset Management to consider the overall General Services Revenue Budget for 2008/09, to recommend to Council resource allocations at departmental level, the Council Tax for the financial year 2008/09 and the Council House rent increase from 1 April 2008.

Cabinet agreed:-

- (i) to recommend to Council that the budget and Service Review Allocations be approved as follows:-

Service	Allocation 2007/08 £m	Allocation 2008/09 £m	Change over Previous Year	Indicative Allocation 2009/10	Indicative Allocation 2010/11
Educational and Social Services	151.174	160.382	9.208	162.144	162.645
Neighbourhood Services	35.641	37.716	2.075	37.669	37.603
Police, Fire, Valuation Board & SPT	33.448	32.774	(0.674)	34.514	35.252
Corporate Support	12.010	12.601	0.591	12.526	16.908
Finance & Asset Management Service	49.861	50.431	0.570	52.902	55.487
Other Non-Departmental Items	18.589	23.116	4.527	27.802	31.721
Net Expenditure	300.723	317.020	16.297	327.557	339.616
Net Income	300.723	317.020	16.297	327.557	339.616

- (ii) to recommend to Council that the Band D Council Tax level for 2008/09 should be set at £1,188.99;
- (iii) to recommend that the Council resolves that £1.000M be appropriated from Capital Grants to the Capital Fund and that £1.000M from the Capital Fund be applied to repay debt in 2008/09;
- (iv) to recommend to Council a rent increase of £1.83 per week over a 52 week period; an increase of £0.20p per week for Lock-ups and £1.43 per year for Garage Site charges;
- (v) to request that the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services reviews the charging models for use of leisure facilities in schools and presents his findings to the Cabinet in due course;
- (vi) to request the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services to carry out a full review of charges, costs and options for garage sites and lock-ups and report his conclusions and recommendations to the Cabinet before the end of the calendar year; and
- (vii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

The meeting terminated at 1017 hours.