

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL****CABINET****MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 11 FEBRUARY 2009  
AT 1000 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS,  
LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Douglas Reid, Iain Linton, John MacKay, Jim Buchanan, Hugh Ross, Jim Todd, Robert McDill, Jim Roberts and Kathy Morrice; Church Representatives Bill McGregor and John McHugh; and Teacher Representative Iain Harvey.

**ATTENDING:** Fiona Lees, Chief Executive; Elizabeth Morton, Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support; Graham Short, Executive Director of Educational and Social Services; William Stafford, Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services; Alex McPhee, Executive Head of Finance and Asset Management; Eddie Fraser, Head of Service: Community Care; Bill Walkinshaw, Head of Democratic Services; Chris McAleavey, Head of Housing; Martin Rose, Head of Human Resources; David Mitchell, Head of Legal, Procurement and Regulatory Services; Andrew Sutherland, Head of Service: Schools; and Christine Baillie, Administrative Officer.

**APOLOGIES:** Councillor John Knapp and Church Representative Dr Ivy Barclay.

**CHAIR:** Councillor Douglas Reid, Chair.

**MANAGEMENT AND RESOURCES****PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT - PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS**

1. There was submitted a report dated 5 February 2009 (circulated) by the Executive Head of Finance and Asset Management which sought approval of Prudential Indicators relating to capital investment and treasury management which were designed to demonstrate that the proposed capital programmes and treasury management decisions were affordable, prudent and sustainable.

Cabinet agreed:-

- (i) to recommend to Council that the Prudential Indicators as detailed in Paragraph 3 of the report be approved; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

**CAPITAL INVESTMENT PROGRAMME 2009/10 TO 2018/19**

2. There was submitted a report dated 5 February 2009 (circulated) by the Executive Head of Finance and Asset Management which sought Cabinet approval for the General Services Capital Investment Programme for 2009/10 to 2018/19.

Cabinet agreed:-

- (i) to approve the 10 year Capital Investment Programme as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report and the detailed minor works programme as detailed in Appendix 2 of the report; and

- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

Church Representative Bill McGregor joined the meeting at this point.

### REVENUE BUDGET 2009/10 - 2011/12 - COUNCIL TAX AND RENT LEVELS

3. There was submitted a report dated 4 February 2009 (circulated) by the Executive Head of Finance and Asset Management which requested Cabinet (i) to consider the overall General Services Revenue Budget for 2009/10; and (ii) to recommend to Council resource allocations at department level, the Council Tax for the financial year 2009/10 and the Council house rent increase from 1 April 2009.

Cabinet agreed to recommend to Council:-

- (i) that the Band D Council Tax level for 2009/10 be set at £1,188.99;  
(ii) that the Resource Allocations be approved as follows:-

Service	Allocation 2008/09 £m	Allocation 2009/10 £m	Change over Previous Year	Indicative Allocation 2010/11	Indicative Allocation 2011/12
Educational and Social Services	162.132	170.244	8.112	173.826	176.094
Neighbourhood Services	38.166	39.663	1.497	40.133	40.776
Police, Fire, Valuation Board & SPT	32.774	33.561	0.787	34.335	34.966
Corporate Support	13.001	15.160	2.159	15.350	15.437
Finance & Asset Management Service	50.531	52.438	1.907	54.109	55.850
Other Non-Departmental Items	20.416	23.749	3.333	26.427	30.162
<b>Net Expenditure</b>	<b>317.020</b>	<b>334.815</b>	<b>17.795</b>	<b>344.180</b>	<b>353.285</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>317.020</b>	<b>334.815</b>	<b>17.795</b>	<b>344.180</b>	<b>353.285</b>

- (iii) that the Expenditure Reduction actions as shown in Appendix 2 of the report be approved;  
(iv) that a council house rent increase of £2.24 per week over a 52 week period from 2009/10 be approved;  
(v) that for 2009/10, an increase of 0.24p per week for lock-ups over a 52 week period and £1.71 per year for garage site charges be approved;  
(vi) that the rent free weeks in 2009/10 be set in December 2009 and March 2010;  
(vii) to utilise £0.360m of uncommitted revenue balances in 2009/10, on a non-recurring basis, to bridge the gap between the proposed additional allocation of £1.300m and the net unfunded service pressures in Social Work totalling £1.660m; and

(viii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

The meeting terminated at 1020 hours.