

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 16 OCTOBER 2006 AT
1100 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS,
LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Drew McIntyre, Brian Reeves, James O'Neill, Douglas Reid, Gordon Cree, John Weir, Isabella Macrae, John Knapp, Stuart Finlayson, Robert McDill, Jimmy Kelly, William Menzies, Eric Ross, and Elaine Dinwoodie.

ATTENDING: Fiona Lees, Chief Executive; Elizabeth Morton, Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support; Graham Short, Executive Director of Educational and Social Services; Alex McPhee, Executive Head of Finance; Jackie Donnelly, Executive Head of Social Work; David Mitchell, Head of Administrative and Legal Services; and Stuart Nelson, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Willie Coffey and Harry Wilson; Provost Jane Darnbrough; and Councillors Eric Jackson, Tommy Farrell and Jimmy Carmichael.

CHAIR: Councillor Drew McIntyre, Chair.

REVIEW OF REVENUE BUDGET 2006/2007

1. There was submitted a report dated 10 October 2006 (circulated) by the Executive Head of Finance to review the position of the General Services Revenue Budget for 2006/2007 and to allow consideration of virements to Departmental resource allocations.

Councillor McIntyre, seconded by Councillor Reeves moved that, taking account of the external expenditure pressures highlighted in the report and the relative service needs:

- (i) the financial position for the current year and the audited year end position for 2005/2006 be noted;
- (ii) the £550,000 energy contingency should be retained meantime and virement to departments made when the savings figures have been verified;
- (iii) the sums of £600,000 should be vired to Education and £1.2 million to Social Work to cover the external pressures mentioned in paragraph 7.1 of the report. These sums to be for 2006/2007 only; and
- (iv) in addition, the following sums should be vired to allow service Executive Directors, in consultation with the relevant Committee Chairs, to identify and take forward initiatives within the constraints set out in paragraphs 7.2 and 7.3 of the report:-

Education	£1,400,000
Social Work	£650,000
Neighbourhood Services	£450,000
Development and Property Services	£250,000
Total	£2,750,000

Councillor Reid seconded by Councillor McDill moved as an amendment:-

- (i) to note the financial position for the current year and the audited year end position for 2005/2006;
- (ii) that a virement of funds be made to departments to address externally driven expenditure pressures and/or to progress priorities;
- (iii) where funds are vired, to delegate authority to determine their utilisation to Executive Directors in consultation with the relevant Committees; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

On a division by a show of hands, the motion was carried by 11 votes to 3.

The meeting terminated at 1110 hrs.