

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 24 JANUARY 2006
AT 1000 HRS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS,
LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Drew McIntyre, Jim O'Neill, Stephanie Young, Brian Reeves, Daniel Coffey, Douglas Reid, Gordon Cree, Isabella Macrae, Harry Wilson, Provost Jane Darnbrough, John Knapp, Stuart Finlayson, Jimmy Kelly, Tommy Farrell and William Menzies.

ATTENDING: Fiona Lees, Chief Executive; James Lavery, Executive Director of Development and Property Services; John Mulgrew, Executive Director of Educational and Social Services; William Stafford, Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services; Alex McPhee, Executive Head of Finance; David Mitchell, Head of Administrative and Legal Services; and Anne Marie Carr, Senior Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Willie Coffey, Eric Jackson, Eric Ross and Elaine Dinwoodie.

CHAIR: Councillor Drew McIntyre, Chair.

DRAFT ESTIMATES 2006/07 - 2008/09

1. There was submitted a report dated 18 January 2006 (circulated) by the Executive Head of Finance which sought, as a basis for consultation, the approval of Members of the Draft Estimates 2006/07 to 2008/09 for General Services, which would enable the Council to consult on the budget strategy prior to the declaration of the Council Tax for 2006/07 on 9 February 2006.

Councillor McIntyre, seconded by Councillor Reeves, moved:-

- (i) to approve, as a basis for consultation, the budget strategy and resulting estimates as detailed in the report;
- (ii) to approve the proposals and outline timetable for consultation and finalisation of the budget as detailed in Section 11 of the report; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

Councillor Reid, seconded by Councillor D Coffey, moved as an amendment:

- (i) to note the budget strategy detailed in the report and the resulting estimates; and
- (ii) to note the proposals and agree the timetable for consultation and finalisation of the budget as detailed in Section 11 of the report.

On a division by a show of hands, the motion was carried by 11 votes to 4.

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2. There was submitted a report dated 18 January 2006 (circulated) by the Chief Executive which provided an update for Members on progress in the preparation of

the Council's Best Value and Community Planning Audit Submission and which sought approval to the outline Improvement Agenda.

It was agreed:

- (i) to note the process in relation to the preparation of the Council's Best Value and Community Planning Audit Submission;
- (ii) to note the requirement that the Council's Audit Submission should not be treated as a public document at this stage in the process;
- (iii) to note further copies of the draft Audit Submission were available within the Members' Information Point;
- (iv) that the High Level Strategic Improvement Areas set out at paragraph 3.7 of the report be approved; and
- (v) to note that following further textual changes to the draft Audit Submission as required, a copy of the final Council submission to Audit Scotland would be forwarded to all Elected Members.

The meeting terminated at 1015 hrs.