

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 23 JANUARY 2007 AT
1003 HRS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS,
LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Drew McIntyre, Jim O'Neill, Brian Reeves, Douglas Reid, Gordon Cree, Isabella Macrae, Harry Wilson, Provost Jane Darnbrough and Councillors John Knapp, Stuart Finlayson, Robert McDill, Eric Jackson, Jimmy Kelly, Tommy Farrell, Eric Ross and Elaine Dinwoodie.

ATTENDING: Fiona Lees, Chief Executive; Elizabeth Morton, Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support; Alex McPhee, Executive Head of Finance; and Anne Marie Carr, Senior Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Stephanie Young, Willie Coffey, John Weir, William Menzies and Jimmy Carmichael.

CHAIR: Councillor Drew McIntyre, Chair.

DRAFT ESTIMATES 2007/08 - GENERAL SERVICES

1. There was submitted a report dated 17 January 2007 (circulated) by the Executive Head of Finance which sought, as a basis for consultation, the approval of Members of the draft Estimates for 2007/08 for General Services, which would enable the Council to consult on the budget strategy prior to the declaration of the Council Tax for 2007/08 on 8 February 2007.

It was reported and noted that the date for the budget meeting with the Trade Unions had been rescheduled from 25 January 2007 to 23 January 2007, following this meeting.

Councillor McIntyre, seconded by Councillor Reeves, moved:-

- (i) to approve, as a basis for consultation, the budget strategy detailed in the report and the resulting estimates;
- (ii) to approve the proposal to retain the services of Professor Midwinter as indicated in Section 10 of the report;
- (iii) to approve the proposals and outline timetable for consultation and finalisation of the budget as detailed in Section 11 of the report; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

Councillor Reid, seconded by Councillor Wilson, moved as an amendment:-

- (i) to oppose the proposal to retain the services of Professor Midwinter as indicated in Section 10 of the report; and
- (ii) to note the proposals and 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 13 votes to 3.

The meeting terminated at 1015 hrs.