

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 14 FEBRUARY 2001
AT 1000 HRS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS,
LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Drew McIntyre, Eric Jackson, Stephanie Young, Daniel Coffey, David Macrae, Jane Darnbrough, John Knapp, Finlay MacLean, Jimmy Kelly, Provost Jimmy Boyd, Eric Ross, Elaine Dinwoodie and Robert Taylor.

ATTENDING: David Montgomery, Chief Executive; Fiona Lees, Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources; Bill Stafford, Director of Community Services; Alex McPhee, Director of Finance; James Lavery, Director of Homes and Technical Services; Barbara Haughan, Head of Administrative and Legal Services; Kay Gilmour, Head of Community Support; Douglas Campbell, Head of Corporate Development and Communication; Ian Arnott, Corporate Accounting Manager; and Julie Armstrong, Principal Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Willie Coffey, Douglas Reid, John Weir, Harry Wilson, Iain Linton, Robert McDill and Tommy Farrell.

CHAIR: Councillor Drew McIntyre, Chair.

ESTIMATES 2001/02

1. There was submitted a report dated 6 February 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Finance which advised of the final allocations made for 2001/02 and proposed arrangements for the formulation of detailed proposals accordingly.

It was agreed:

- (i) to note the revenue allocations for 2001/02 as follows:

	£
Corporate Resources	4,401,990
Miscellaneous Services	3,156,560
Finance	3,401,320
Corporate Office Accommodation	1,383,170
Council Tax and Housing Benefit Subsidy	2,068,100
Insurance	1,081,000
Democratic Process	509,790

- (ii) to confirm approval of these; and
- (iii) to request appropriate Directors, following finalisation of the General Services Revenue Budget by the Council on 15 February 2001, to bring forward in respect of this Committee's own interests:
 - (a) a review of fees and charges as required; and

- (b) a detailed Capital Programme for 2001/02 proposing utilisation of the allocation made.

**GENERAL SERVICES REVENUE ESTIMATES 2001/02 -
SETTING THE COUNCIL TAX**

2. There was submitted an amended report dated 6 February 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Finance which requested that the Committee agree the overall General Services Revenue Budget for 2001/02 and recommend to the Council the level at which Council Tax Band 'D' should be set for the financial year 2001/02.

Councillor McIntyre, seconded by Councillor Jackson, moved:

- (i) to recommend to Council the service resource allocations for 2001/02 shown as follows:

DEPARTMENT	RESOURCE ALLOCATIONS
	£M
Education	67.553
Social Work	26.089
Community Services	38.038
Development Services	9.251
Homes & Technical Services	1.406
Policy and Resources	13.933
Housing/Council Tax Benefit	2.068
Trading Services Surplus	(0.502)
Other Specific Budget Items	0.612
Council Funded Social Inclusion	0.065
Debt Charges	13.622
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	172.135

- (ii) to recommend to Council that the Band 'D' Council Tax level for 2001/02 should be set at £921.60;
- (iii) to recommend to Council that the Band 'D' Council Tax for 2002/03 and 2003/04 be set at £966.60 and £1,014.30 respectively; and
- (iv) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

Councillor D Coffey, seconded by Councillor F MacLean, moved as an amendment to note the report and continue consideration of the matter:

On a division by a show of hands the motion was carried by 11 votes to 2

**HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT ESTIMATES AND ASSOCIATED RENT LEVELS
FOR 2001/02 (Item 1.2, Page 1501, 99/02)**

3. There were submitted joint reports (circulated) by the Directors of Homes and Technical Services and of Finance regarding the consultation exercise for the

Housing Revenue Account on the draft Estimates for 2001/02 as considered by the Special Housing Committee on 18 January 2001 and on the associated possible rent levels for 2001/02 as follows:-

- (a) Consultation Exercise report; and
- (b) Outcome of Consultation Exercise report.

There was also submitted excerpt from the Housing Committee Minutes of 31 January 2001 (circulated) which detailed the recommendations of the Committee as follows:

- (a) to recommend to the Special Policy and Resources Committee to be held on 14 February 2001:
 - (i) approval of the draft estimates for the Housing Revenue Account 2001/02 as submitted to the Special Housing Committee of 18 January 2001; and
 - (ii) approval for 2001/02 of a flat rate increase in all house rents of £1.50 per week over a 48 week period, in order to balance the Housing Revenue Account; and
- (b) otherwise, to note the terms of the report.

Councillor McIntyre, seconded by Councillor Jackson, moved to recommend to Council acceptance of the recommendations of the Special Housing Committee of 18 January 2001 as detailed above.

Councillor D Coffey, seconded by Councillor F MacLean, moved as an amendment to note the report and continue consideration of the matter.

On a division by a show of hands the motion was carried by 11 votes to 2.

The meeting terminated at 1005 hrs.

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