

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 7 FEBRUARY 2002 AT 1030 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Eric Ross, Stephanie Young, Daniel Coffey, Douglas Reid, Lillian MacLean, Drew McIntyre, John Knapp, Jim Raymond, Finlay MacLean, Robert McDill, Eric Jackson, George Smith, Jimmy Kelly, Tommy Farrell, Julie Faulds and Jimmy Carmichael.

ATTENDING: David Montgomery, Chief Executive; Stephen Chorley, Director of Development Services; David Mitchell, Head of Administrative and Legal Services; Robert Paton, Head of Economic Development and Property; Jim Kane, Head of Roads and Transportation; Chris Johnston, Financial Services Manager; and Robert Beaton, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillor Iain Linton and Provost Jimmy Boyd.

CHAIR: Councillor Eric Ross, Chair.

DRAFT ESTIMATES 2002/2003 - GENERAL SERVICES**1.1 FINANCIAL REPORT (Item 1, Page 2352, 99/02)**

There was submitted for information only and noted a report dated 28 January 2002 (circulated under separate cover as Item 1 of the Special Policy and Resources Committee of 1 February 2002) by the Director of Finance which advised of the position with regard to the General Services Revenue Estimates for 2002/2003 and which recommended that the Policy and Resources Committee determine final allocations for each of the Service Committees; and which requested those Committees to note and confirm acceptance of the final allocations for 2002/2003 and align service plans with these taking into account the views and comments made during the Council's Public Consultation Exercise.

1.2 EXCERPT FROM SPECIAL POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE OF 1 FEBRUARY 2002 (Item 1, Page 2352, 99/02)

There was submitted for information and noted an excerpt of Minutes of the Special Policy and Resources Committee of 1 February 2002 (circulated) which requested that the Development Services Committee note and confirm acceptance of the financial allocations for 2002/2003 and align service delivery plans with these as determined by the Special Policy and Resources Committee at its meeting on 1 February 2002.

1.3 REVENUE ESTIMATES 2002/2003

There was submitted a report dated 4 February 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services on the allocation of resources to this Committee for 2002/03 by the Policy and Resources Committee.

Councillor Ross, seconded by Councillor Smith, moved that Members confirm acceptance of the Resource Allocation notified by the Policy and Resources

Committee and approve the distribution of this as detailed within Paragraph 3 of the report.

Councillor McDill, seconded by Councillor Faulds, moved as an amendment that Members note the Resource Allocation for 2002/03.

On a division by a show of hands, the motion was carried by 9 votes to 6.

STREET LIGHTING MAINTENANCE CONTRACT

2. There was submitted a report dated 4 February 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which sought Committee approval to extend the existing contracts for the Street Lighting Maintenance Contract until 31 March 2003.

It was agreed to approve the proposed extension of the Street Lighting Maintenance Contract until 31 March 2003.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

3. The Committee resolved that under Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, as amended, the Press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 6 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

FUNDING REQUEST - EXTERNAL SUPPORTED ORGANISATION (Item 18, Page 1988, 99/02)

4. There was submitted a report dated 5 February 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services which advised the Committee of the outcome of the recent submission of an external supported organisation's request for funding support to the Scottish Executive and which considered a request for loan funding support to help develop new commercial opportunities which, it was hoped, would increase visitor numbers and improve the overall financial position of the organisation.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the change in circumstances since the last report;
- (ii) to note the new commercial opportunities available to the organisation; and
- (iii) to approve an advance of a further £20,000 to the organisation and to convert the balance of £50,000 to a term loan, subject to the conditions as detailed within the report.

The Director of Development Services declared a direct non-pecuniary interest in the above item.

The meeting terminated at 1037 hours.

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