

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL****HOUSING COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 7 FEBRUARY 2002 AT 1100 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Jimmy Kelly, Ann Hay, Stephanie Young, Daniel Coffey, Douglas Reid, Lilian MacLean, John Weir, Drew McIntyre, David Macrae, Jane Darnbrough, John Knapp, Jim Raymond, George Smith, Tommy Farrell, Julie Faulds, William Menzies and Jimmy Carmichael.

**ATTENDING:** David Montgomery, Chief Executive; James Lavery, Director of Homes and Technical Services; David Mitchell, Head of Administrative and Legal Services/Solicitor to the Council; David McLellan, Financial Services Manager; Caroline Gordon, Public Relations Assistant; and Stuart Nelson, Administrative Officer.

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors Willie Coffey and Alan Campbell and Provost Jimmy Boyd.

**CHAIR:** Councillor Jimmy Kelly, 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 the Policy and Resources Committee of the position with regard to the General Services Revenue Estimates for 2002/2003 and 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 financial 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 from the Special Policy and Resources Committee of 1 February 2002 (circulated) which requested that the Housing Committee note and confirm acceptance of the financial allocation 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 FOR 2002/2003**

There was submitted a report (circulated) by the Director of Homes and Technical Services to consider the allocation of resources to this Committee for 2002/2003 by the Policy and Resources Committee.

Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Macrae moved that Members confirm acceptance of the resource allocation notified by the Policy and Resources Committee and approve the distribution of this as detailed in paragraph 3 of the report.

Councillor Reid, seconded by Councillor D Coffey moved as an amendment that Members note the resource allocation for 2002/2003.

On a division by a show of hands, the motion was carried by 10 votes to 6.

**HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT 2002/2003: DRAFT ESTIMATES  
(Item 1, Page 2298, 99/02)**

2. There was submitted a joint report (circulated) by the Directors of Homes and Technical Services and of Finance on the outcome of the consultation exercise for the Housing Revenue Account on the Draft Estimates for 2002/2003, as considered by the Special Housing Committee of 16 January 2002, and on the associated possible rent levels for 2002/2003.

Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Macrae moved that the Committee:-

- (i) recommend to the Policy and Resources Committee:
  - (a) approval of the Draft Estimates for the Housing Revenue Account 2002/2003 as submitted to the Special Housing Committee of 16 January 2002;
  - (b) approval for 2002/2003 of a flat-rate increase on all house rents of £1.47 per week over a 48 week period, in order to balance the Housing Revenue Account; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the terms of the report.

Councillor Reid, seconded by Councillor D Coffey moved as an amendment to note the Draft Estimates for the Housing Revenue Account 2002/2003 as submitted to the Special Housing Committee of 16 January 2002, and the level of rent increase proposed; and to continue these matters for further consideration.

On a division by a show of hands the motion was carried by 10 votes to 6.

The meeting terminated at 1104 hours.

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