

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 1 FEBRUARY 2002 AT
1215 HRS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS,
LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Drew McIntyre, Douglas Reid, David Macrae, Harry Wilson, Jane Darnbrough, John Knapp, Finlay MacLean, Eric Jackson, Robert McDill, Jimmy Kelly, Tommy Farrell, Elaine Dinwoodie and Robert Taylor.

ATTENDING: David Montgomery, Chief Executive; Fiona Lees, Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources; William Stafford, Director of Community Services; Stephen Chorley, Director of Development Services; Alex McPhee, Director of Finance; James Lavery, Director of Homes and Technical Services; Tom McHugh, Head of Accounting Services; David Mitchell, Head of Administrative and Legal Services; Caroline Gordon, Public Relations Assistant; Robin Baker, Treasury Services Manager; and Julie Armstrong, Principal Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Stephanie Young, Willie Coffey, John Weir, Iain Linton, Provost Jimmy Boyd and Councillor Eric Ross.

CHAIR: Councillor Drew McIntyre, Chair.

GENERAL SERVICES REVENUE ESTIMATES 2002/2003

1. There was submitted a report dated 28 January 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Finance to consider the final allocation of available resources for 2002/2003 and which proposed arrangements for the formulation of detailed proposals by Service Committees. Feedback from the public consultation exercise was attached at Appendix 1 and had been taken into account in proposing final allocations to Services.

Councillor McIntyre, seconded by Councillor Jackson, moved:

- (i) to approve the use of the inflation indices detailed in paragraph 3.4 to uprate prices in the contracts indicated with effect from 1 April 2002;
- (ii) to remit the block allocation of financial resources to each Service Committee in the light of the overall resources now available as shown below, and to request those Committees now to note and confirm acceptance of the financial allocations for 2002/03 and where appropriate to align service plans with these taking into account the views and comments made during the Council's public consultation exercise.

<u>Department</u>	<u>Proposed Departmental Resource Allocations</u>
	<u>£M</u>
Education	75.917
Social Work	29.563
Community Services	41.088
Development Services	10.942

Policy & Resources - Corporate Resources	5.571
Policy & Resources - Other	38.736
Homes & Technical Services	1.471
Insurance Fund	1.554
Trading Services	(0.742)
Debt Charges	11.867
Contingencies	0.386
Total Expenditure	216.353

and;

(iii) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

Councillor F MacLean, seconded by Councillor Wilson, moved as an amendment:

- (i) to note the use of the inflation indices detailed in paragraph 3.4 to uprate prices in the contracts indicated with effect from 1 April 2002;
- (ii) to remit the block allocation of financial resources to each Service Committee in the light of the overall resources now available as shown above, and to request those Committees now to note and confirm acceptance of the financial allocations for 2002/03 and where appropriate to align service plans with these taking into account the views and comments made during the Council's public consultation exercise; and
- (iii) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

On a division by a show of hands the motion was carried by 9 votes to 3.

GENERAL SERVICES CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2002/03 AND 2003/04

2. There was submitted a report dated 28 January 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Finance which proposed capital allocations to each Service Committee in relation to the financial years 2002/03 and 2003/04.

Councillor McIntyre, seconded by Councillor Jackson, moved:

- (i) to recommend to Council the capital allocations to services outlined below:

Service	2002/03 £'000 - Revised Proposal	2003/04 £'000 - Revised Proposal
<u>Composite Programme</u>		
Education	3,125	3,000
Social Work	300	330
Development Services	1,575	1,525
Community Services - Operational	400	600
Community Services - Cumnock Pool	150	350
Housing - General Fund	320	375
Corporate Services - IT	380	380
Corporate Office Accommodation	80	90

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Council Issues - General	50	50
Council Issues - Ayrshire Electronic Community	65	50
Council Issues - Dalrymple Area Centre	-	50
Council Issues - North West Area	-	Within Existing Allocations
Capitalised Repairs	1,500	1,500
Total Composite Programme	7,945	8,300
TOTAL FUNDING AVAILABLE	7,542	7,942
OVER (UNDER) COMMITMENT	403	358

- (ii) that Directors submit detailed proposed programmes for the utilisation of capital allocations to their Service Committees for consideration;
- (iii) to confirm that any slippage that occurs in these programmes is not automatically available to the Department but must be remitted back to this Committee for consideration; and
- (iv) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

Councillor F MacLean, seconded by Councillor Wilson, moved as an amendment:

- (i) to note the capital allocations to services as shown above;
- (ii) that Directors submit detailed proposed programmes for the utilisation of capital allocations to their Service Committees for consideration;
- (iii) to confirm that any slippage that occurs in these programmes is not automatically available to the Department but must be remitted back to this Committee for consideration; and
- (iv) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

On a division by a show of hands the motion was carried by 9 votes to 3.

It was also agreed that in future Committee reports, the presentation of the figure headings in monetary sums would be standardised.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) BILL - CONSULTATION EXERCISE

3. There was submitted a report dated 27 January 2002 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which invited Members to consider and approve a proposed response on behalf of the Council to the consultation exercise currently being undertaken by the Scottish Executive in respect of its proposals for the Local Government (Scotland) Bill.

It was agreed to approve the proposed response to the Scottish Executive which was set out in Appendix 1 to the report.

Councillor Reid joined the meeting during discussion of the above item.

The meeting terminated at 1225 hrs.

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