

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**HOUSING COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 5 FEBRUARY 2003
AT 1130 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS,
LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Jimmy Kelly, Stephanie Young, Daniel Coffey, Lilian MacLean, Drew McIntyre, Isabella Macrae, Jane Darnbrough, John Knapp, Jim Raymond, George Smith, Tommy Farrell, William Menzies, Provost Jimmy Boyd and Councillor Jimmy Carmichael.

ATTENDING: David Montgomery, Chief Executive; James Lavery, Director of Homes and Technical Services; David Mitchell, Head of Administrative and Legal Services; David McLellan, Financial Services Manager; Stuart Nelson, Administrative Officer; and Lynn Chapman, Trainee Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Ann Hay, Willie Coffey, Douglas Reid, John Weir, Alan Campbell and Julie Faulds.

CHAIR: Councillor Jimmy Kelly, Chair

DRAFT ESTIMATES 2003/2004: GENERAL SERVICES**1.1 FINANCIAL REPORT (Item 1, Page 3032, 99/03)**

There was submitted for information only and noted, a report dated 28 January 2003 (circulated under separate cover as Item 1 of the Special Policy and Resources Committee of 31 January 2003) by the Director of Finance which advised the Policy and Resources Committee of the position with regard to the General Services Revenue Estimates for 2003/2004 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 2003/2004 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 31 JANUARY 2003 (Item 1, Page 3032, 99/03)

There was submitted for information, and noted, an excerpt from the Special Policy and Resources Committee of 31 January 2003 (circulated) which requested that the Housing Committee note and confirm acceptance of the financial allocation for 2003/2004 and align service delivery plans with these as determined by the Special Policy and Resources Committee at its meeting on 31 January 2003.

1.3 REVENUE ESTIMATES FOR 2003/2004

There was submitted a report dated 31 January 2003 (circulated) by the Director of Homes and Technical Services to consider the allocation of resources to this Committee for 2003/2004 by the Policy and Resources Committee.

Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Raymond moved that the Committee 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 D Coffey, seconded by Councillor L MacLean moved as an amendment that Members note the resource allocation for 2003/2004, as notified by the Policy and Resources Committee and continue this matter for consideration by the appropriate Committee.

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

**HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT 2003/2004: DRAFT ESTIMATES
(Item 1, Page 2984, 99/03)**

2. There was submitted a joint report dated 30 January 2003 (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 2003/2004, as considered by the Special Housing Committee of 16 January 2003 and on the associated possible rent levels for 2003/2004.

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

- (i) recommend to the Policy and Resources Committee:
 - (a) approval of the Draft Estimates for the Housing Revenue Account 2003/2004 as submitted to the Special Housing Committee of 16 January 2003;
 - (b) approval for 2003/2004 of a flat-rate increase on all house rents of £1.50 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 D Coffey, seconded by Councillor L MacLean moved as an amendment to note the Draft Estimates for the Housing Revenue Account 2003/2004 as submitted to the Special Housing Committee of 16 January 2003, and the level of rent increase proposed; and to continue these matters for further consideration to the appropriate Committee.

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

The meeting terminated at 1133 hours.