

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 31 JANUARY 2003 AT
1000 HRS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS,
LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Drew McIntyre, Daniel Coffey, Harry Wilson, Jane Darnbrough, John Knapp, Finlay MacLean, Jimmy Kelly, Tommy Farrell, William Menzies, Provost Jimmy Boyd and Councillors Eric Ross, Elaine Dinwoodie and Jimmy Carmichael.

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; John Mulgrew, Director of Educational and Social 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; Stephen Moore, Head of Social Work; Ian Arnott, Corporate Accounting Manager; Julie Jamieson, Financial Services Manager; and Julie Armstrong, Assistant Administration Manager.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Stephanie Young, Willie Coffey, Douglas Reid, John Weir, Iain Linton and Robert McDill.

CHAIR: Councillor Drew McIntyre, Chair.

GENERAL SERVICES REVENUE ESTIMATES 2003/04

1. There was submitted a report dated 28 January 2003 (circulated) by the Director of Finance to consider the final allocation of available resources for 2003/04 and which proposed arrangements for the formulation of detailed proposals by Service Committees. Feedback from the public consultation exercise was circulated as Appendix 1 and had been taken into account in proposing final allocations to Services.

Councillor McIntyre, seconded by Councillor Jackson, moved:-

- (i) to remit the block allocation of financial resources to each Service Committee in the light of the overall resources now available and request those Committees now to note and confirm acceptance of the financial allocations for 2003/04 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> £m
Education	79.848
Social Work	36.686

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Community Services	43.622
Development Services	12.416
Policy & Resources - Corporate Resources	6.211
Policy & Resources - Other	46.644
Homes & Technical Services	1.697
Quality of Life	1.169
Insurance Fund	2.224
Trading Services	(0.846)
Better Neighbourhood Service Fund	3.665
Supporting People	0.977
Debt Charges	12.545
Contingencies	0.400
Total Expenditure	247.258

- (ii) to approve the proposed package for Quality of Life Initiatives as set out in Appendix 2 of the report for submission to the Scottish Executive for approval and in the meantime remit the allocations to the lead Committees for noting at this stage pending Scottish Executive approval, with a view to their subsequently determining specific projects to be carried out to expend their allocation in line with the general themes and expected outcomes identified; and
- (iii) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

Councillor D Coffey, seconded by Councillor Wilson, moved as an amendment to note the report and remit to Directors to bring back proposals to appropriate Committee meetings for further consideration.

On a division by a show of hands the motion was carried by 11 to 3.

CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2003/04 - 2005/06

2. There was submitted a report dated 28 January 2003 (circulated) by the Director of Finance to consider the Capital Programme for 2003/04 and the introduction of new capital spending control arrangements from 2004/05 onwards.

Councillor McIntyre, seconded by Councillor Jackson, moved:-

- (i) to recommend to Council the amendments to capital allocations for 2003/04 outlined below.

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Service	2003/04 Original £m	2003/04 Proposed Revision £m
Education	3.000	2.825
Social Work	0.330	0.330
Development Services	1.525	1.525
Community Services - Operational	0.600	0.600
Community Services - Cumnock Pool	0.350	0.350
Non-HRA Housing	0.375	0.550
Corporate Services - IT	0.380	0.380
Corporate Accommodation	0.090	0.090
Council Issues - Health and Safety	0.050	0.050
Council Issues - Ayrshire Electronic Community	0.050	0.050
Council Issues - Dalrymple Area Centre	0.050	0.050
Council Issues - North West Area	Within existing allocations	Council contribution now end-loaded to 2004/05
Council Issues - Disabled Access	-	0.100
Capital Improvements	1.500	1.500
Total Composite Programme	8.300	8.400
TOTAL FUNDING AVAILABLE	7.877	7.977
OVER(UNDER) COMMITMENT	(0.423)	(0.423)

- (ii) to approve a draw on the Capital Fund of £0.095m for Capital Improvements to Newmilns Ski Slope and £0.140m for Capital Improvements to restaurant facilities at the Palace Theatre and Dean Castle Country Park and the resulting Revenue Budget transfers;
- (iii) that Directors be instructed to submit detailed proposed programmes for the utilisation of capital allocations to their Service Committees for consideration;
- (iv) to note that a three year Capital Programme covering 2004/05 to 2006/07 would be brought forward after the publication of the Prudential Code towards the end of the calendar year; and
- (v) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor D Coffey, moved as an amendment:-

- (i) to note the amendments to the capital allocations for 2003/04 as shown above;

- (ii) to approve a draw on the Capital Fund of £0.095m for Capital Improvements to Newmilns Ski Slope and £0.140m for Capital Improvements to restaurant facilities at the Palace Theatre and Dean Castle Country Park and the resulting Revenue Budget transfers;
- (iii) that Directors be instructed to submit detailed proposed programmes for the utilisation of capital allocations to their Service Committees for consideration;
- (iv) to note that a three year Capital Programme covering 2004/05 to 2006/07 would be brought forward for consideration after the publication of the Prudential Code towards the end of the calendar year; and
- (v) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

On a division by a show of hands the motion was carried by 11 to 3.

The meeting terminated at 1025 hrs.