

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

PERSONNEL AND PROPERTY SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 7 MARCH 2000 AT 1000 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK

PRESENT: Councillors Eric Jackson, Danny Coffey, Drew McIntyre, Harry Wilson, John Knapp, Jimmy Kelly and Provost Boyd.

ATTENDING: David Montgomery, Chief Executive; Barbara Haughan, Director of Corporate Services; Steven Chorley, Director of Development Services; Kate McVey, Solicitor to the Council; Graham Haugh, Head of Personnel; George Malone, Principal Engineer, Homes and Technical Services; Bill Walkinshaw, Principal Administrative Officer; and Christine Baillie, Trainee Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Douglas Reid, John Weir and Tommy Farrell.

CHAIR: Councillor Eric Jackson, Chair.

ENERGY MANAGEMENT PROGRESS REPORT

1. There was submitted and noted a report dated 7 February 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Homes and Technical Services which indicated the progress in the implementation of the Council's Energy Management Policy in respect of non-housing properties.

SCOPE OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT PENSION SCHEME - ADMISSION OF EXTERNAL SERVICE PROVIDERS, ETC

2. There was submitted a report dated 14 February 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Corporate Services which advised of the extended scope of the Local Government Pension Scheme to provide for employees transferring from a Local Authority to an external provider under a Best Value arrangement to remain in the Local Government Pension Scheme if the external provider sought and obtained admitted body status.

It was agreed to note and welcome the introduction of the Local Government Pension Scheme (Amendment Etc) Regulations 1999 and the related extension to the scope of the Local Government Pension Scheme.

REVIEW OF EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL'S SMOKING POLICY (Item 6, Page 549)

3. There was submitted a report dated 17 February 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Corporate Services which proposed a revision to the Council's Smoking in the Workplace Policy.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to recommend to Council the approval of the proposed revision to the Council's Smoking Policy;
- (ii) to approve the proposed phased approach to the implementation of the revised Policy; and

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- (iii) to refer the matter to the Director of Education and the Education Committee in respect of Teacher's interests.

SINGLE STATUS (Item 4, Pages 548 & 549)

- 4. There was submitted a report dated 22 February 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Corporate Services which provided an update on the Council's response to the Single Status agreement.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the report updating the Council's progress in response to the Single Status agreement for Local Government employees; and
- (ii) that the Head of Personnel provide future update reports to the Sub-Committee.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE STAFFING ARRANGEMENTS WITHIN RESIDENTIAL
CHILDCARE AND THROUGH-CARE AND AFTERCARE (Item 3, Pages 660 & 661)**

- 5. There was submitted a joint report (circulated) by the Directors of Corporate Services and of Social Work which sought approval of amendments to the staffing arrangements, of residential childcare provision in East Ayrshire and of the Council's Throughcare and Aftercare Service, subject to consultation with Trade Unions.

It was agreed to approve the proposed amendments to the staffing structure within the Social Work Department, subject to consultation with Trade Unions.

**EAST AYRSHIRE HOUSING PARTNERSHIP REVERSION OF SITES TO
PROPERTY PORTFOLIO**

- 6. There was submitted a report dated 22 February 2000 (circulated) by the Solicitor to the Council which advised of the current position with regard to the proposed transfer of a number of identified sites to East Ayrshire Housing Partnership and which requested that those sites within the remit of this Sub-Committee, identified in Appendix I to the report, with the exception of the Dundonald Road site, revert to the Council's property portfolio according to their holding department.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the position with regard to the reversion to their original status of a number of sites identified for transfer to East Ayrshire Housing Partnership;
- (ii) to retain the sites identified in Appendix I to the report, with the exception of the Dundonald Road site, within the Council's property portfolio, according to their holding department;
- (iii) to note that the consent of the Secretary of State in respect of the gift of the sites identified in Appendix II to the report would not be implemented; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

- 7. The Sub-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 9 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF 43 TITCHFIELD STREET, KILMARNOCK

8. There was submitted a report dated 22 February 2000 (circulated) by the Solicitor to the Council which advised of the outcome of the recent marketing of 43 Titchfield Street, Kilmarnock, and which sought authority to dispose of the subjects.

It was agreed that the Solicitor to the Council accept the offer from Magon & Company subject to the conditions outlined in Section 6 of the report.

The meeting terminated at 1030 hours.

AGENDA