

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL****COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2000 AT  
1400 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON  
ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Robert Taylor, Katie Hall, Ann Hay, Stephanie Young, Brian Reeves, Daniel Coffey, Drew McIntyre, Harry Wilson, Finlay MacLean, Eric Jackson, Julie Faulds, William Menzies, Eric Ross and Elaine Dinwoodie.

**ATTENDING:** Fiona Lees, Depute Chief Executive; William Stafford, Director of Community Services; Julie Armstrong, Senior Administrative Officer; Stuart McCall, Solicitor; and Ian Gemmell, Administrative Officer.

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors Tommy Farrell, Jane Darnbrough, Iain Linton and John Weir.

**CHAIR:** Councillor Robert Taylor, Chair.

**EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

1. The 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 to the Act.

**OUTCOME OF THE TENDERING EXERCISE FOR THE GROUNDS  
MAINTENANCE 2000 TERM CONTRACT**

2. There was submitted a report dated 10 February 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on the outcome of the Tendering Exercise for the Grounds Maintenance Contract covering Patna, Muirkirk, New Cumnock and Kilmarnock Central, including the care of gardens across the entire south of the Council area, and which recommended options for acceptance.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to authorise acceptance of the tender submitted by East Ayrshire Council Grounds Maintenance DSO at an annual cost of £766,077.94 (for 20 cuts);
- (ii) that the Director of Corporate Services issue a letter of acceptance as soon as possible;
- (iii) that the Director of Corporate Services advise the unsuccessful tenderers;
- (iv) that the Director of Community Services consult with Mitchell & Struthers Limited regarding any employees who may transfer to the Council under TUPE;
- (v) that the Director of Community Services submit a further report on the harmonisation of service levels across the area;

- (vi) that the Director of Community Services convey to the workforce and to the Trade Unions concerned the Committee's appreciation of the efforts of those concerned in developing the bid; and
- (vii) otherwise to note the report.

The meeting terminated at 1412 hours.