

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 29 FEBRUARY 2000 AT 1000 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Robert Taylor, Katie Hall, Ann Hay, Stephanie Young, Brian Reeves, Daniel Coffey, John Weir, Drew McIntyre, Harry Wilson, Jane Darnbrough, Finlay MacLean, Eric Jackson, Tommy Farrell, Julie Faulds, Eric Ross, Elaine Dinwoodie and Jimmy Carmichael.

ATTENDING: David Montgomery, Chief Executive; William Stafford, Director of Community Services; John Griffiths, Head of Leisure Services; John F Crawford, Head of Protective Services; Bill Walkinshaw, Principal Administrative Officer; Dennis Craig, Principal Officer (Recreation) and Ian Gemmell, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Iain Linton and William Menzies.

CHAIR: Councillor Robert Taylor, Chair.

DRAFT ESTIMATES 2000/2001 - GENERAL SERVICES**1.1 FINANCIAL REPORT (Item 3, Page 713, 99/02)**

There was submitted and noted a report dated 22 February 2000 (circulated with the Agenda for the Special Policy and Resources Committee of 22 February 2000) by the Director of Finance which had advised of the position with regard to the general services revenue budget for 2000/2001, and which had recommended that the Special Policy and Resources Committee determine final allocations for each of the Services Committees and that those Committees be requested to finalise savings and growth packages to align service delivery plans with the final allocations for 2000/2001, taking into account the views and comments made during the Council's public consultation exercise.

1.2 REMIT FROM SPECIAL POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE OF 25 FEBRUARY 2000 (Item 3, Page 713, 99/02)

There was submitted and noted remit (Minute excerpt circulated) from the Special Policy and Resources Committee of 25 February 2000, which requested that the Community Services Committee finalise savings and growth packages for Community Services to align service delivery plans with the final financial allocations for 2000/2001, as determined by the Special Policy and Resources Committee at its meeting on 25 February 2000.

1.3 REVENUE BUDGET FOR 2000/2001

There was submitted a report dated 25 February 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which detailed a package of measures to align the service delivery plans for the final financial allocations for 2000/2001, taking into account the views and comments made during the Council's public consultation exercise.

It was noted that Item 28 of the Cuts Package lists appended to the report should read "cease free cardboard collection service"

Councillor Taylor, seconded by Councillor Carmichael, moved:-

- (i) to approve the savings proposals and amendments detailed in the Director's report to the approved CCLS (Cost of Current Level of Service) budget to align the Committee budget to the final financial allocation approved by the Special Policy and Resources Committee of 25 February 2000; and
- (ii) to recommend adoption of the savings proposals and other adjustments to the Special Policy and Resources Committee to be held on 8 March 2000.

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

- (i) to note the savings proposals and amendments detailed in the Director's report, to the approved CCLS (Cost of Current Level of Service) budget to align the Committee budget to the final financial allocation approved by the Special Policy and Resources Committee of 25 February 2000; and
- (ii) to continue consideration of the savings proposals and other adjustments to the Special Policy and Resources Committee to be held on 8 March 2000.

On a division by a show of the motion was carried by 9 votes to 7.

CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2000/2001

2. There was submitted a report dated 17 February 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which sought approval of the Capital Programme for the Community Services Department for the financial year 2000/2001.

Councillor Taylor seconded by Councillor Jimmy Carmichael moved approval of the proposed Capital Programme for 2000/2001 for the Community Services Department, as set out in the Director's report.

Councillor D Coffey seconded by Councillor Wilson moved as amendment that the funding of £150,000 allocated against the Cumnock and District Pool project should not be ring fenced at this stage.

On a division by a show of hands the motion was carried by 9 votes to 5.

Councillor Weir joined the meeting at this point.

CHARGES FOR SERVICES

3. There was submitted a report dated 25 February 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which requested that the Committee approve increased charges for services provided by the Community Services Department.

It was agreed to continue consideration of the above matter to a future meeting.

The meeting terminated at 1030 hours.