

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 1 MARCH 2000 AT 0900 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK

PRESENT: Councillors Tommy Farrell, Brian McNeil, Brian Reeves, Drew McIntyre, David Macrae, Iain Linton, Alex Walsh, John Knapp, Finlay MacLean, Eric Jackson, George Smith, Julie Faulds, Provost Jimmy Boyd and Councillor Elaine Dinwoodie; Iain Harvey, Teacher Representative; and Alisdair McQueen, Parent Representative.

ATTENDING: David Montgomery, Chief Executive; John Mulgrew, Director of Education; Sue Bruce and Graham Short, Depute Directors of Education; Euan Couperwhite, Financial Services Manager; Frank Green, Principal Officer (Budgets); and Anne Marie Carr, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Stephanie Young, Willie Coffey, Robert Stevenson, John Weir, Alan Campbell and Eric Ross; and Church Representatives John McHugh and Matthew Sullivan.

CHAIR: Councillor Tommy Farrell, 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 25 February 2000) by the Director of Finance which advised the Policy and Resources Committee of the position with regard to the General Services Revenue Budget for 2000/2001 and which recommended that the Policy and Resources Committee determine final allocations for each of the Service Committees and requested those Committees to finalise savings and growth packages to align service delivery plans with the initial allocations for 2000/2001 taking into account the views and comments made during the Council public consultation exercise.

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

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

Councillor Farrell, seconded by Councillor McIntyre moved to note the remit from the Special Policy and Resources Committee of 25 February 2000.

Councillor MacLean seconded by Councillor Faulds moved as an amendment the direct negative.

On a division by a show of hands, the motion was carried by 10 votes to 4.

1.3 REVENUE BUDGET FOR 2000/2001

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

Councillor Farrell, seconded by Councillor Knapp, moved:-

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

Councillor MacLean seconded by Councillor Faulds moved as an amendment:-

- (i) to note the savings and growth proposals and amendments detailed in the table appended to the report to the approved CCLS (Cost of Current Level of Service) Budget to align the Education 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 and growth proposals to the next appropriate Committee.

On a division by a show of hands the motion was carried by 10 votes to 4.

The meeting terminated at 0920 hours.