

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL****POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 25 FEBRUARY 2000  
AT 0900 HRS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS,  
LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Drew McIntyre, Katie Hall, Stephanie Young, Daniel Coffey, John Weir, Harry Wilson, Jane Darnbrough, John Knapp, Finlay MacLean, Eric Jackson, Jimmy Kelly, Tommy Farrell, Provost Jimmy Boyd and Councillors Elaine Dinwoodie and Robert Taylor.

**ATTENDING:** David Montgomery, Chief Executive; Fiona Lees, Depute Chief Executive; William Stafford, Director of Community Services; Barbara Haughan, Director of Corporate Services; Stephen Chorley, Director of Development Services; John Mulgrew, Director of Education; Alex McPhee, Director of Finance; James Lavery, Director of Homes and Technical Services; Tom McHugh, Head of Accounting Services; Douglas Campbell, Head of Public Relations and Marketing; Ian Arnott, Corporate Accounting Manager; and Julie Armstrong, Senior Administrative Officer.

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors Douglas Reid, David Macrae, Alan Campbell, Robert McDill and Eric Ross.

**CHAIR:** Councillor Drew McIntyre, Chair.

**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

1. The Chair, in terms of Standing Order 15.1, agreed to alter the order of business and consider item 2 at this point.

**URBAN PROGRAMME TERMINATING PROJECTS 2000/2001 -  
THE FINDINGS OF THE EVALUATION PANEL (Item 10, Page 542, 99/02)**

2. There was submitted a report dated 18 February 2000 (circulated) by the Chief Executive which advised of the recommendations made by the Evaluation Panel in respect of the future operation and funding of those Urban Programme Projects terminating in 2000/2001.

The Committee then considered each project as follows:

**2.1 CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY PROJECT**

It was agreed:

- (i) that the project be continued and its geographical area be extended to cover the north of the Authority at the current cost level;
- (ii) that in the event of any under-usage, referrals be accepted from Social Work and other relevant agencies in respect of families living in the south of the Authority;
- (iii) that the supervising department be asked to introduce flexibility in the hours worked by the project worker throughout the year;

- (iv) that officers provide support to the project to put together a funding package to purchase another caravan, thus increasing the capability of the project to provide services to a much wider area;
- (v) that any new caravan be fully converted for people with disabilities; and
- (vi) that responsibility for supervision of the project transfer to the Social Work Department as a Social Inclusion project.

## **2.2 COMMUNITY HEALTH AND SAFER ENVIRONMENT PROJECT (CHASE)**

It was agreed:

- (i) that the Council should not provide funding and the project be terminated; and
- (ii) that the Director of Social Work work with the project's Advisory Committee to phase out the work of the project taking steps to relocate equipment at other Council establishments within the area and ensure that provision continues to be made through other agencies and Council Departments for services currently offered by the project.

## **2.3 REFUGE FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN**

It was agreed:

- (i) that support in principle be expressed for the services provided by Cumnock and Doon Valley Women's Aid;
- (ii) that the evaluation panel be asked to continue consideration of the matter and submit final recommendations following the outcome of the current investigation;
- (iii) that for budgeting purposes the Committee agree that a sum of £49,934 be ring-fenced in respect of the project; and
- (iv) that the Policy and Resources Committee receive a final report from the evaluation panel following the outcome of the current investigation.

It was also agreed:

- (i) to consider a separate report by the Director of Corporate Services at a later point on the Agenda which dealt with the personnel implications of the recommendations; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the terms of the report.

## **DRAFT ESTIMATES 2000/2001 - GENERAL SERVICES**

3. There was submitted a report dated 22 February 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Finance which advised of the position with regard to the General Services Revenue Budget for 2000/2001 and recommended that the Committee determine final allocations for each of the Service Committees and to request those Committees to finalise the savings and growth packages to align service delivery plans with the financial allocations for 2000/2001 taking into account the views and comments made during the Council's public consultation exercise.

The Depute Chief Executive reported that in respect of the appendix to the report (i) in respect of page 3, bullet point 22, a late petition had been received in respect of the propose closure of New Cumnock Pool; and (ii) the figure at bullet point 29, the

number of respondents in respect of the proposed closure of Tourhill Library should be 23.

It was agreed:

- (i) to remit the block allocation of financial resources for changes to cuts/growth packages to each Service Committee in light of the overall resources now available as shown below and to request those Committees now to finalise savings and growth packages to align Service Delivery Plans with the final financial allocation for 2000/2001 taking into account the views and comments made during the Council's public consultation exercise which was detailed in the appendix to the report.

<u>Department</u>	<u>Proposed Departmental Resource Allocations</u>
	<b>£M</b>
Education	63.312
Social Work	24.586
Community Services	36.572
Development Services	9.603
Homes & Tech Services	2.103
Policy and Resources	12.781
Housing/Council Tax Benefit	1.904
Trading Services Surplus	(0.295)
Other Specific Budget Items	(2.310)
Council Funded Social Inclusion	0.065
Debt Charges	13.179
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>161.500</b>

and;

- (ii) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

It was thereafter noted that, following the agreed timetable, the final decisions made by each of the respective Service Committees in relation to the foregoing would be submitted for consideration to the Special Meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee to be held on 8 March 2000 along with a report by the Director of Finance detailing the implications for each of the Council Tax bandings following the budget review exercise.

#### **FURTHER BIDS FOR THE SOCIAL INCLUSION BUDGET**

4. There was submitted a report dated 22 February 2000 (circulated) by the Chief Executive which sought approval to utilise further resources from the Social Inclusion Strategic Partnership resource budget.

It was agreed:

- (i) to a grant of £15,000 for the Children's Holiday Project;
- (ii) to a grant of £3,000 for Darvel Parent/Teachers Association for the Darvel Information and Communications Technology Project;

- (iii) to a grant of £2,000 for Kilmarnock Family Support Group; and
- (iv) otherwise to note the terms of the report.

### **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

5. 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 1 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

### **URBAN PROGRAMME TERMINATING PROJECTS 2000/2001 - PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS ARISING FROM THE REPORT ON THE FINDINGS OF THE EVALUATION PANEL (Item 2, Page 712)**

6. There was submitted a report dated 18 February 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Corporate Services which advised of the personnel implications arising from the recommendations made by the evaluation panel in respect of the future operation and funding of those Urban Programme projects terminating in 2000/2001.

It was agreed:

- (i) to approve the actions recommended by the Director of Corporate Services in respect of each project as detailed in Sections 3 and 4 of the report; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

The meeting terminated at 0930 hrs.