

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 8 MARCH 2000
AT 1134 HRS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS,
LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillor McIntyre, Hall, Young, D Coffey, Reid, Macrae, Darnbrough, Knapp, MacLean, Jackson, Kelly, Ross, Dinwoodie and 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; Jim Lavery, Director of Homes and Technical Services; Douglas Bulloch, Director of Social Work; Kate McVey, Solicitor to the Council; Tom McHugh, Head of Accounting Services; Roddy Wallace, Head of Administration; Douglas Campbell, Head of Public Relations and Marketing; Ian Arnott, Corporate Accounting Manager; and Bill Walkinshaw, Principal Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillors John Weir, Harry Wilson, Robert McDill, Tommy Farrell and Provost Jimmy Boyd.

CHAIR: Councillor Drew McIntyre, Chair.

**DRAFT ESTIMATES 2000/2001 - POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE
BUDGETS - SAVINGS AND GROWTH PROPOSALS**

There was submitted a report dated 2 March 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Finance which recommended savings and growth proposals to align Service Delivery Plans in respect of Central Service Departments with the final financial allocation for 2000/2001, taking into account the views and comments made during the Council's public consultation exercise.

It was noted that a revised Appendix 5 to the report had been circulated which provided details which had been omitted from the original appendix as a result of a computer/printing error.

Councillor McIntyre, seconded by Councillor Jackson, moved:

- (i) to recommend to Council the savings and growth proposals detailed in the appendices to the report including the revised Appendix 5; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

Councillor Reid, seconded by Councillor D Coffey, moved as an amendment to note the savings and growth proposals and continue consideration of the whole matter to the special meeting of Council to be held on Thursday 9 March 2000.

On a division by a show of hands the motion was carried by nine votes to four.

DRAFT ESTIMATES 2000/2001 - REPORTS FROM SERVICE COMMITTEES

There was submitted a report dated 2 March 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Finance which advised the Committee of the decisions taken by the Service

Committees when considering the final allocation remitted to them by the Special Policy and Resources Committee of 25 February 2000, and of their recommended savings and growth to align their services with these allocations taking into account the views and comments made during the Council's consultation exercise.

It was noted that revised Appendices 2, 3, 4 and 5 to the report had been circulated which provided details which had been omitted from the original appendices as a result of a computer/printing error.

Councillor McIntyre, seconded by Councillor Jackson, moved:

- (i) to note that all Service Committees had met and aligned Service Delivery Plans with the final allocations for 2000/2001 remitted by this Committee on 25 February 2000;
- (ii) to recommend to Council adoption of the savings and growth packages as detailed in Appendices 1 to 5 which accompanied the report and the revised appendices issued on 8 March 2000; and
- (iii) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

Councillor Reid, seconded by Councillor D Coffey, moved as an amendment:

- (i) to note that all Service Committees had met and aligned Service Delivery Plans with the final allocations for 2000/2001 as remitted by the Special Policy and Resources Committee held on 25 February 2000; and
- (ii) to otherwise note the savings and growth packages as detailed in Appendices 1 to 5 of the report including the revised appendices issued on 8 March and to continue consideration of the savings and growth proposals to the special Council meeting to be held on 9 March 2000.

On a division by a show of hands the motion was carried by nine votes to four.

GENERAL SERVICES REVENUE ESTIMATES 2000/2001 - SETTING THE COUNCIL TAX

There was submitted a report dated 2 March 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Finance which requested that the Committee agree overall budget proposals including the measures proposed by Service Committees, and to recommend to Council the level at which Council Tax Band 'D' should be set for the financial year 2000/2001.

Councillor McIntyre, seconded by Councillor Jackson, moved:

- (i) to recommend to Council the Service resource allocations for 2000/2001 as follows:

<u>Service</u>	<u>Proposed Resource Allocation</u>
Education	63.312
Social Work	24.586
Community Services	36.572
Development Services	9.603
Homes and Technical 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
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	161.500

- (ii) to recommend to Council that the band 'D' Council Tax level for 2000/2001 be set at £878.40; and
- (iii) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

Councillor Reid, seconded by Councillor D Coffey, moved as an amendment to note and continue consideration of the recommendations contained within the report to the special Council meeting to be held on 9 March 2000.

On a division by a show of hands the motion was carried by nine votes to four.

The meeting terminated at 1140 hrs.