

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON 28 FEBRUARY 1996 AT
1400 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, LONDON ROAD CENTRE,
KILMARNOCK**

- PRESENT:** Councillors Jim O'Neill, Gordon McCredie, Drew McIntyre, Alan Campbell, Jimmy Carmichael, Robert Taylor and John Smith.
- ATTENDING:** David Montgomery; Chief Executive; Fiona Lees, Depute Chief Executive; Des Tierney, Director of Commercial Operations; Barbara Haughan, Director of Support Services; Bill McKenzie, Senior Depute Director of Commercial Operations; Robin Gourlay, Depute Director of Commercial Operations and Margaret McManus and Ian Gemmell, (Support Unit).
- APOLOGIES:** Councillors Robert Stirling, John Knapp, David Sneller, Tommy Farrell and Eric Jackson.
- CHAIR:** Councillor Jim O'Neill, Chair.

DRAFT ESTIMATES 1996/97 - GENERAL SERVICES**1.1 Financial Report**

There was submitted a report dated 26 February 1996 (circulated under cover of the Special Policy and Resources Committee of 27 February 1996) by the Director of Finance advising of the latest position, now that finalised figures had been obtained in respect of the 1996/97 budget, and recommending that the Policy and Resources Committee determine final allocations for each of the service committees and that those committees be requested to finalise savings and growth packages to align service delivery plans with the final financial allocations for 1996/97 taking into account the views and comments made during the Council's public consultation exercise.

The Committee agreed to note the report.

**1.2 Remit from Special Policy and Resources Committee of
27 February 1996 (Page 524)**

There was submitted remit (minute extract circulated) from Policy and Resources Committee of 27 February 1996 asking that the Commercial Operations Committee finalise savings and growth packages for Commercial Operations Services to align service delivery plans with the final financial allocations for 1996/97 as determined by the Special Policy and Resources Committee at its meeting on 27 February 1996.

The Committee agreed to note the remit.

1.3 Service Development Proposals

There was submitted a report (circulated) by the Director of Commercial Operations detailing proposed changes in the payments to be made to the Commercial Operations budget in order to align the service delivery plans with the final financial allocations made for 1996/97.

The report explained that the proposed savings would result from renegotiation of service level agreements and CCT arrangements which are at present in place for the delivery of these services by Commercial Operations to the Service Departments.

Councillor O'Neill, seconded by Councillor Carmichael, moved that the Committee approve the Director of Commercial Operations' recommendations as follows:-

- (i) to accept the suggested changes in payments to the Commercial Operations Department as outlined in the report;
- (ii) to instruct the Director to agree amended specifications accordingly;
- (iii) to approve the package of measures outlined in the report which are wholly within the Commercial Operations remit;
- (iv) to confirm to the Policy and Resources Committee that this will align service delivery to the expected income, central service charges and surplus estimated in the 1996/97 financial allocations; and
- (v) to recommend the savings/growth package outlined within the report to the Policy and Resources Committee.

Councillor McCredie, seconded by Councillor Campbell, moved as an amendment that consideration of the budget be continued to the Special Council meeting on 5 March 1996.

On a division by a show of hands, the motion was carried by 5 votes to 2.

The meeting terminated at 1404 hours.