

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 29 FEBRUARY 1996 AT 1100 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, LONDON ROAD CENTRE, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK

PRESENT: Councillors Bob Beattie, Drew McIntyre, Gordon Cree, Jane Darnborough, Alan Campbell, Kathleen Hall, David Sneller, George Smith, Robert Taylor and John Smith.

ATTENDING: David Montgomery, Chief Executive, Fiona Lees, Depute Chief Executive, Barbara Haughan, Director of Support Services, William Stafford, Director of Community Services, Margaret McManus and Anne Fairbairn (Support Unit).

APOLOGIES: Councillors Gordon McCredie, David Macrae, Jimmy Carmichael and Tommy Farrell.

CHAIR: Councillor Bob Beattie, Chair.

1. DRAFT ESTIMATES 1996/97 - GENERAL SERVICES

1.1 Financial Report

There was submitted 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)

There was submitted remit (minute extract circulated) from Policy and Resources Committee of 27 February 1996 asking that the Community Services Committee finalise savings and growth packages for the Community 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 Revenue Budget 1996/97

There was submitted report dated 27 February 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services detailing a package of measures to align the 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 Director of Community Services spoke to his report, highlighting the proposed closure of Tourhill Library, which it was now considered should be deleted from the savings package at a cost of £10,000 and recommending adoption of the proposed revised savings to the Policy and Resources Committee on 4 March 1996.

Councillor Bob Beattie, seconded by Councillor John Smith, moved that the Committee approve the Director of Community Services' recommendations, as adjusted.

Councillor Campbell, seconded by Councillor Hall, 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 8 votes to 2.

The meeting terminated at 1106 hours.