

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL****POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 2 DECEMBER 1999 AT 1000 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

**PRESENT:** Councillor Drew McIntyre, Stephanie Young, John Weir, Harry Wilson, Alan Campbell, Jane Darnbrough, John Knapp, Finlay MacLean, Robert McDill, Eric Jackson, Jimmy Kelly, Tommy Farrell, Eric Ross, Elaine Dinwoodie and Robert Taylor.

**ATTENDING:** David Montgomery, Chief Executive; Fiona Lees, Depute Chief Executive; Barbara Haughan, Director of Corporate Services; Alex McPhee, Director of Finance; James Lavery, Director of Homes and Technical Services; Kate McVey, Solicitor to the Council; Tom McHugh, Head of Accounting Services; Roddy Wallace, Head of Administration; Robert Paton, Head of Economic Development; Iain MacMillan, Head of Exchequer Services; Anne Jackson, Principal Community Education Officer; David Morgan, Public Relations Officer and Julie Armstrong, Senior Administrative Officer.

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors Daniel Coffey, Douglas Reid, David Macrae and Provost Jimmy Boyd.

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

**SUB-COMMITTEE MINUTES**

1. There were submitted and approved both as correct records and in respect of any recommendations contained therein, the undernoted Sub-Committee Minutes as contained within Appendices I to III of these Minutes.

- 1.1 **RECRUITMENT SUB-COMMITTEE OF 27 OCTOBER 1999 - Appendix I.**

- 1.2 **PERSONNEL AND PROPERTY SUB-COMMITTEE OF 16 NOVEMBER 1999 - Appendix II.**

- 1.2.1 **MATTERS ARISING**

- 1.2.1 **SURPLUS PROPERTY - FORMER GLEBE RESOURCE CENTRE (Item 18, Page 552, 99/02)**

It was noted that the surplus property would also comprise the two tied houses adjacent to the Centre.

- 1.3 **MEMBERS' SERVICES AND CIVIC CEREMONIAL SUB-COMMITTEE OF 17 NOVEMBER 1999 - Appendix III.**

**BUDGET MONITORING GROUP**

2. There were submitted and noted the Minutes of the Budget Monitoring Group held on 26 October 1999 (circulated).

**SOCIAL INCLUSION STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP GROUP**

3. There were submitted and noted the Minutes of the Social Inclusion Strategic Partnership Group held on 28 October 1999 (circulated).

**BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENTS TO 22 OCTOBER 1999  
(PERIOD 7)**

4. There were submitted and noted the undernoted reports (circulated) on the current budgetary control position and the projected out-turn for the period ended 22 October 1999 (Period 7), viz:-
- 4.1 **POLICY AND RESOURCES (CENTRAL SERVICES)** - Report by Director of Finance dated 16 November 1999.
- 4.2 **POLICY AND RESOURCES (CORPORATE SERVICES)** - Joint report by Directors of Finance and of Corporate Services dated 9 November 1999.

**BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT - GENERAL SERVICES  
REVENUE ACCOUNT TO 22 OCTOBER 1999 (PERIOD 7)**

5. There was submitted a report dated 16 November 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Finance on the current budgetary control position of the General Services Revenue Account for the period ended 22 October 1999 (Period 7).

It was agreed:-

- (i) that Directors continue to take all necessary management action to control expenditure within budget without cutting across existing Council policies; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

**BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT - HOUSING REVENUE  
ACCOUNT TO 22 OCTOBER 1999 (PERIOD 7)**

6. There was submitted and noted a joint report (circulated) by the Directors of Finance and of Homes and Technical Services on the current budgetary control position of the Housing Revenue Account for the period ended 22 October 1999 (Period 7).

**STATISTICAL INFORMATION ON REVENUE COLLECTION**

7. There was submitted and noted a report dated 18 November 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Finance on the position of the Council with regard to billing and collection of local taxes as at 31 October 1999.

**ESTIMATES 2000/2001 - PROPOSED TIMETABLE**

8. There was submitted a report dated 17 November 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Finance on a proposed timetable for the preparation of estimates 2000/2001.

It was agreed to approve the 2000/2001 estimates timetables for General Services and for the Housing Revenue Account as detailed in Appendix IV to these Minutes.

### **ABSENCE MANAGEMENT REPORTS - QUARTER 3**

9. There were submitted and noted the undernoted reports on the absence rates for the quarter period ending 1 October 1999 (Quarter 3) in respect of the following Departments, viz:-
- 9.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S DEPARTMENT** - Report dated 25 October 1999 (circulated) by the Chief Executive.
- 9.2 CORPORATE SERVICES** - Report dated 17 November 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Corporate Services.
- 9.3 FINANCE DEPARTMENT** - Report dated 25 November 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Finance.

### **URBAN PROGRAMME TERMINATING PROJECTS: FINANCIAL YEAR 2000/2001**

10. There was submitted a report dated 2 November 1999 (circulated) by the Chief Executive which advised of the projects terminating during the financial year 2000/2001 and which proposed an evaluation process.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the projects terminating namely (a) Refuge for Women/Children; (b) Safer Environment; and (c) Children's Holiday Project;
- (ii) to reaffirm the process for evaluating Terminating Urban Programme Projects detailed in Section 2 of the report;
- (iii) that it be remitted to Council to appoint six members to the Evaluation Panel (4 from the Administration and 2 from the Opposition); and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

### **DEVELOPMENT OF THE "VISION" COMMUNITY INFORMATION PROJECT (Item 7, Page 4523, 99/02)**

11. There was submitted a report dated 15 November 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Corporate Services which updated the Committee on the progress of the "Vision" Project.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the progress of the "Vision" Programme; and
- (ii) that regular updates would be submitted to the Committee.

### **SOCIAL INCLUSION STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP RESOURCE BUDGET**

12. There was submitted a report dated 24 November 1999 (circulated) by the Chief Executive which sought approval to utilise the Social Inclusion Strategic Partnership Resource Budget to fund two projects endorsed by the Strategic Partnership Group on 28 October 1999.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to allocate £10,000 to the Kilmarnock Credit Union;
- (ii) to allocate £10,660 to the East Ayrshire Carers Centre subject to the sum being reduced by any sponsorship the group managed to secure;

- (iii) to note that the monies awarded would be subject to the normal conditions of grant; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

**HEALTH AND ILL HEALTH IN AYRSHIRE AND ARRAN 1998 REPORT OF THE  
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH**

- 13.** There was submitted a report dated 11 November 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work which advised of the key issues arising from the Ayrshire and Arran Health and Ill Health 1998 Report by the Director of Public Health.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to remit the monitoring of the implementation of the recommendations to the Corporate Health Officers Group; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

**DALMELLINGTON AREA CENTRE PROPOSAL (Item 4, Page 4222, 96/99)**

- 14.** There was submitted a report dated 25 November 1999 (circulated) by the Chief Executive (i) on the progress being made to develop a multi-use area centre in Dalmellington (ii) which sought authority for its location within the Dalmellington Main Street Industrial Complex and (iii) which sought approval to consequential committed expenditure of £35,331 and to the associated follow-on capital funding in respect of 2000/2001.

There were noted amendments to the report as follows:- paragraph 3.2, first sentence, after the word requirements should be inserted "...as it was no longer required as a Primary School ..." and paragraph 3.3, first sentence after the word alternative the word "educational" should be inserted.

It was agreed:

- (i) to the location of the proposed Dalmellington Area Centre within the Dalmellington Main Street Industrial Complex;
- (ii) to allocate capital expenditure of £35,331 from the Council's capital budget for 2000/2001 in order to allow Phase 1 of the project to proceed;
- (iii) to the commitment of £344,700 follow-on expenditure from the Council's capital budget for 2000/2001 in order to allow Phase 2 of the project to proceed;
- (iv) that Officers make every effort to secure further external funding which might allow the Council contributions under (ii) and (iii) above to be reduced;
- (v) to note that discussions were currently ongoing with Strathclyde Police in connection with the proposed location of the Police Office within the refurbished complex and that a report would be presented to a future Committee on the outcome of the discussions; and
- (vi) otherwise, to note the terms of the report.

**COALFIELDS REGENERATION TRUST**

- 15.** There was submitted a report dated 30 November 1999 (circulated) by the Chief Executive which outlined the scope and purpose of the Coalfields Regeneration

Trust, detailed the process which had been followed to bring forward possible applications and which recommended for consideration a summary of those which it is proposed be submitted as an initial package.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the establishment of the Coalfields Regeneration Trust, its aims and objectives and arrangements put in place for receiving applications;
- (ii) to the submission of those applications summarised in Section 5 as an initial package from the Council and to note that further applications would be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee;
- (iii) to note that further work was being undertaken by the Council's Officers to support and assist Community and Voluntary Organisations making applications to the Trust direct;
- (iv) that Officers explore all possible external funding opportunities to secure additional funding to support Social Inclusion activity across the Council's area; and
- (v) otherwise, to note the terms of the report.

#### **NORTH WEST KILMARNOCK YOUTH FUND**

- 16.** There was submitted a report dated 8 November 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Education which advised of progress on the consultation exercise with regard to the fund made available to the North West Kilmarnock area and which sought agreement to make an award from the Fund.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to support the drama project at a total cost of £12,000;
- (ii) that the Director of Education submit a report to the February meeting of this Committee with the survey results; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

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

- 17.** 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 9 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

#### **PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF SITE AT DUNDONALD ROAD, KILMARNOCK (Item 2, Page 169, 99/02)**

- 18.** There was submitted a report dated 30 November 1999 (circulated) by the Solicitor to the Council which advised the Committee of the current position with regard to negotiations with Wimpey Homes (Holdings) Ltd in respect of the proposed disposal of the site at Dundonald Road, Kilmarnock and which sought authority to dispose of the site to Wimpey Homes (Holdings) Ltd at a reduced price to take account of additional infrastructure costs in the event that a separate sewerage system was required.

It was agreed that the Solicitor to the Council accept the amended offer from Wimpey Homes (Holdings) Ltd subject to the remaining terms and conditions approved by the Emergency Powers Committee of 20 July 1999.

The meeting terminated at 1100 hours.