

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**HOUSING COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 8 FEBRUARY 2000 AT 0903 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Jimmy Kelly, John Weir, Drew McIntyre, David Macrae, John Knapp, Finlay MacLean, George Smith, Julie Faulds, William Menzies, Provost Jimmy Boyd and Councillor Jimmy Carmichael.

ATTENDING: David Montgomery, Chief Executive; Fiona Lees, Depute Chief Executive; Alex McPhee, Director of Finance; Jim Lavery, Director of Homes and Technical Services; Chris McAleavey, Head of Homes; David McLellan, Financial Services Manager; Julie Armstrong, Senior Administrative Officer; and Stuart Nelson, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Katie Hall, Ann Hay, Willie Coffey, Douglas Reid, Robert Stevenson, Jane Darnbrough, Jim Raymond and Tommy Farrell.

CHAIR: Councillor Jimmy Kelly, Chair.

HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT 2000/2001: DRAFT ESTIMATES

1. There was submitted a joint report dated 2 February 2000 (circulated) by the Directors of Homes and Technical Services and of Finance on the outcome of the public consultation exercise for the Housing Revenue Account on the Draft Estimates for 2000/2001 as considered by the Special Housing Committee on 21 January 2000 and on the associated possible rent levels for 2000/2001.

Councillor Kelly seconded by Councillor Macrae, moved that the Committee:-

- (a) recommend to the Special Policy and Resources Committee to be held on 10 February 2000:-
 - (i) approval of the Draft Estimates for the Housing Revenue Account 2000/2001, as submitted to the Special Housing Committee of 21 January 2000;
 - (ii) approval of a flat rate increase on all house rents of £3.95 per week, over a 48 week period, in order to balance the Housing Revenue Account; and
 - (iii) approval of an additional increase of £0.87 in rents for houses in the former Kilmarnock and Loudoun area; and to note that at the end of this year rents will be fully harmonised and that subsequent changes in rent levels would apply uniformly across the Council area; and
- (b) otherwise to note the terms of the report.

Councillor Weir seconded by Councillor MacLean moved as an amendment that the Committee note the terms of the Directors' report.

On a division by a show of hands, the motion was carried by 8 votes to 3.

The meeting terminated at 0909 hours.