

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 11 JANUARY 2000
AT 1000 HRS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS,
LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Drew McIntyre, Stephanie Young, Douglas Reid, John Weir, David Macrae, Jane Darnbrough, John Knapp, Finlay MacLean, Robert McDill, Eric Jackson, Jimmy Kelly, Tommy Farrell, Provost Jimmy Boyd, Councillors Eric Ross and Elaine Dinwoodie.

ATTENDING: David Montgomery, Chief Executive; Fiona Lees, Depute Chief Executive; William Stafford, Director of Community Services; Barbara Haughan, Director of Corporate Services; John Mulgrew, Director of Education; Alex McPhee, Director of Finance; James Lavery, Director of Homes and Technical Services; Douglas Bulloch, Director of Social Work; Kate McVey, Solicitor to 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 Julie Armstrong, Senior Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Kate Hall, Daniel Coffey, Harry Wilson, Alan Campbell and Robert Taylor.

CHAIR: Councillor Drew McIntyre, Chair.

DRAFT ESTIMATES 2000/2001 - GENERAL SERVICES

1. There was submitted a report dated 6 January 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Finance which sought approval of the draft Revenue Estimates 2000/2001 in respect of the General Services in terms of the Cost of the Current Level of Service (CCLS).

The draft Revenue Estimates for 2000/2001 (CCLS) were summarised by Service Department in the booklet which was also circulated with the report and it was agreed, viz:-

- (i) to approve the draft Estimates for 2000/2001 (CCLS) amounting to £167.658m as summarised in paragraph 3.2 of the report and in the accompanying booklet for the purpose of the 2000/2001 budget process and in accordance with the approved budgetary timetable as follows:-

<u>Service</u>	<u>CCLS Estimate 2000/2001</u>
Education	64,311,854
Social Work	25,232,534
Community Services	37,197,316
Development Services	10,178,026

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Chief Executive	1,673,057	
Finance (inc Admin of Housing Benefits)	3,269,019	
Housing Benefit Subsidy (Net)	1,754,038	
Corporate Office Accommodation	1,271,472	
Democratic Process	<u>457,640</u>	8,425,226
Miscellaneous Services		3,171,035
Corporate Services		3,551,363
Homes & Technical Services		2,415,145
Other Specific Budget Items		(91,018)
		154,391,481
Urban Aid (Net)		-
Housing General Services (inc Comm Alarms)		87,771
Debt Charges		13,179,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		167,658,252, and

- (ii) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE SETTLEMENT 2000/2001

2. There was submitted and noted a report dated 15 December 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Finance which advised of the proposals of the Scottish Executive for the distribution among Local Authorities of Aggregate External Finance (AEF) and the expenditure guideline figure for 2000/2001.

ETHICAL STANDARDS IN PUBLIC LIFE ETC (SCOTLAND) BILL (Item 5, Page 3446, 96/99)

3. There was submitted a report dated 23 December 1999 (circulated) by the Solicitor to the Council which advised Members of the terms of the draft Bill on Ethical Standards in Public Life, which highlighted the areas in which the current proposals differed from earlier consultations and which invited Members to submit comments on the Bill in response to the consultation process by the deadline set of 14 January 2000.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to the terms of the response to the Scottish Executive in terms of the consultation exercise as detailed in the report;
- (ii) that the response incorporate the suggestion that the Government should be looking to address the anomaly of surcharge only applying to Councillors through other means;
- (iii) that the Solicitor to the Council submit the Council response accordingly; and

(iv) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

Councillor Ross joined the meeting during discussion of the above item.

The meeting terminated at 1010 hrs.