

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**POLICY AND RESOURCES (DECENTRALISATION) SUB COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 1 DECEMBER 1995 AT 1400 HRS
IN THE MEETING ROOM, LONDON ROAD CENTRE, KILMARNOCK**

- PRESENT:** Councillors Fulton (Chair), Doyle, Dambrough, Beanie, Fulton, Nicoll and Jackson.
- ATTENDING:** Depute Chief Executive; Head of Public Relations & Marketing; Head of Property; Team Leader, Support Unit and Support Staff (G Fraser and M Walker).
- APOLOGIES:** Councillors Brailsford and Kelly

**MINUTES OF THE POLICY AND RESOURCES (DECENTRALISATION)
SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING OF 20 OCTOBER 1995**

1. The minutes were submitted and noted.

PROGRAMME OF VISITS

2. There was submitted a series of reports dated November 1995 (circulated) by the Chief Executive based upon a programme of visits by Members and Officers to the following Councils:
 - Dumbarton District Council;
 - Fife Regional Council;
 - Harlow Council;
 - Bedford Community Council;
 - Highland Regional Council (Lambda System); and
 - Highland Regional Council (Decentralisation Issues) and a Conference on information and advice services in rural areas.

It was agreed:

- i) that with regard to the visit to Fife Regional Council, the Head of Property in conjunction with the Depute Chief Executive should visit the Abbeyview Centre in order to ascertain the issues which would require to be addressed with regard to fully resourced Local Offices; and

ii) to otherwise note the contents of the various reports.

COMMUNITY FIRST: INTERIM REPORT

3. There was submitted and noted a report (circulated) by the Head of Public Relations and Marketing advising the Sub-Committee of progress in completing the Community First Survey. The Head of Public Relations and Marketing explained that since the exercise had been caught up in the recent postal strike "late" submissions were being accepted and that with regard to results analysis, Glasgow University would provide expertise.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR MEETINGS WITH COMMUNITY COUNCILS

4. There was submitted a report (circulated) by the Chief Executive detailing a programme of meetings to be held with Community Councils and indicating that the process would start during the week beginning 8 January 1996.

It was agreed:

- i) the arrangements proposed for the meeting and
- ii) to note that local Elected Members for the respective areas also be extended an invitation to attend the meetings with the Community Councils.

DECENTRALISATION - SUBMISSIONS FROM SERVICE COMMITTEES

5. There was submitted a report (circulated) by the Chief Executive outlining departmental responses to the process of decentralisation within the Council.

It was agreed:

- i) to welcome the Service Committees' responses;
- ii) that the Chair embark on a further series of meetings with representatives of the Service Committees to explore issues contained within the responses;
- iii) that a further report be produced following the process described at ii) above; and
- iv) to otherwise note the content of the report.

PUBLIC ACCESS OFFICES

6. There was submitted a report dated 22 November 1995 (circulated) by the Head of Property advising the Sub-Committee of the current availability and potential of

existing public access offices within East Ayrshire, excluding those within Kilmarnock Town which would be the subject of a separate report to the Sub-Committee in due course.

It was agreed:

- i) to instruct the Depute Chief Executive to co-ordinate the development of a further report which would highlight the various options for a comprehensive network of information and advice services throughout East Ayrshire;
- ii) to note the potential for rationalisation suggested within the report;
- iii) to note that there will be a separate report to the Sub-Committee in due course in respect of Kilmarnock itself; and
- iv) to otherwise note content of the report.

PROPOSED FRAMEWORK FOR CONSULTATION DOCUMENT

7. There was submitted a report (circulated) by the Chief Executive proposing the terms of a draft consultative document which would be submitted to the Sub-Committee for approval at its next meeting.

It was agreed:

- i) that Members be requested to highlight any further area they would wish to incorporate in the draft consultative document; and
- ii) that a more detailed report be submitted to the next meeting of the Sub-Committee.

SEAD/COSLA CONFERENCE - SHIFTING THE BALANCE

8. There was submitted and noted a report (circulated) by the Chief Executive advising the Sub-Committee of issues considered at the "Shifting the Balance" conference.

DECENTRALISATION - AGENDA AND DRAFT TIMETABLE

9. There was submitted and noted an updated report (circulated) by the Chief Executive informing the Sub-Committee of the progress made in response to the timetable for decentralisation.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

10. The Policy and Resources (Decentralisation) Sub Committee agreed to hold the next

meeting in early January 1996.

Meeting ended at 1525 hrs.

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