

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**POLICY AND RESOURCES (FINANCE AND PROPERTY) SUB-COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 18 JANUARY 1996 AT 1400 HRS  
IN THE MEETING ROOM, LONDON ROAD CENTRE, KILMARNOCK**

**PRESENT:** Councillors David Sneller (Chair), Jane Darnbrough, David Fulton, Kim Nicoll, and Eric Jackson.

**ATTENDING:** David Montgomery, Chief Executive; Fiona Lees, Depute Chief Executive; Gordon Clark, Director of Finance; Barbara Haughan, Director of Support Services; Robert McLeary, Head of Property; and James Lally, Support Unit.

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors Andrew McIntyre, Douglas Reid, Wilma Doyle, Daniel Coffey and James Kelly.

**URBAN AID APPLICATION - EASTON PLACE, AUCHINLECK**

1. There was submitted a report dated 5 January 1996 (circulated) by the Head of Property which sought authority to reserve the property at Easton Place, Auchinleck to allow the provision of a Women's Project.

It was agreed that the Head of Property advise the Social Work Department, Strathclyde Regional Council, that the property would be reserved by this Council for the Auchinleck Women's Project until the outcome of the Urban Aid Application was known and if successful that the Head of Property in consultation with the Head of Legal Services be authorised to grant an appropriate lease for the Project's occupation of the renovated premises.

**APPOINTMENT OF SHERIFF OFFICERS**

2. There was submitted an interim report dated 9 January 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Finance which advised on proposals in respect of the appointment of Sheriff Officers.

It was agreed that the Director of Finance and the Director of Housing report to the Policy and Resources Committee on the appointment of Sheriff Officers for East Ayrshire Council early in the new financial year.

**COMMON GOOD AND TRUST FUNDS**

3. There was submitted a report dated 11 January 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Finance which updated Members on the latest information regarding common good and trust funds which would fall to be administered by East Ayrshire Council from 1 April 1996.

It was agreed that the Director of Finance submit a further report to a future meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee following completion of the Abstracts of Accounts 1995/96 of the three demitting authorities.

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

4. The Sub-Committee resolved, in terms of Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973," that 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."

#### **OFFICE ACCOMMODATION STRATEGY AND UPDATE**

5. There was submitted a report dated 8 January 1996 (circulated) by the Head of Property which sought agreement to an accommodation strategy as outlined in the report together with authority to secure office accommodation by lease/purchase.

It was agreed:

- (i) that the Head of Legal Services be instructed to conclude the lease of the Scottish Power premises at Greenholm Street, Kilmarnock on the reported terms and conditions;
- (ii) that the Head of Property be instructed to negotiate procurement of the property at 25-27 Ayr Road, Cumnock and report the negotiated terms for approval to a future meeting of the Sub-Committee;
- (iii) that the Head of Property investigate the availability of British Coal property at Lugar and report further to the Sub-Committee in due course; and
- (iv) to approve the Office Accommodation Strategy as outlined in the report.

The meeting terminated at 1442 hours.