

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL****POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 8 JANUARY 1996 AT 1400 HRS IN THE MEETING ROOM, LONDON ROAD CENTRE, KILMARNOCK.**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Sneller (Chair), McIntyre, Reeves, Reid, Doyle, Stirling, Darnbrough, O'Neill, Hall, Fulton, Nicoll, Turnbull, Ross, Kelly, Boyd, Farrell and Jackson.

**ATTENDING:** Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive, Director of Commercial Operations, Director of Community Services, Director of Development Services, Director of Education, Director of Finance, Director of Housing, Director of Personnel, Director of Social Work, Director of Support Services, Depute Director of Education (Planning and Resources), Head of Public Relations and Marketing, Finance Support (R Baker) and Support Unit (A M Carr).

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors Brailsford, Beattie and Coffey.

**GENERAL SERVICES - DRAFT ESTIMATES 1996/97**

1. There was submitted a report dated 5 January 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Finance seeking approval of the draft estimates 1996/97 in terms of the cost of the current level of services (CCLS) and advising members of the various factors, as laid down by the Secretary of State, which require consideration in determining the level of Council Tax to be levied for the financial year 1996/97.

The Chair outlined the salient points of the report to Members.

The Chief Executive advised that definitive financial information in the format required by the Council for the preparation of the base budgets had not been available in the same way from each of the demitting authorities. Further work was in hand to refine internal allocations. The estimates tabled were the best currently available. There would remain an opportunity to incorporate late information before the finalisation of the draft estimates for 1996/97 and the final setting of the budget.

Having heard the Chair and the Chief Executive, it was agreed:-

- (1) to note the contents of the report;
- (2) that a further report by the Director of Finance be submitted to the Policy and Resources Committee on 23 January 1996;

- (3) to note that during the period 23 January 1996 to 26 February 1996 it was proposed that a public consultation exercise be undertaken within the seven local committee areas and that there be discussions with local groups and trades unions;
- (4) that a special meeting of the Council be arranged on 5 March 1996 to approve the Council Tax (band 'D' equivalent) rate for 1996/97 for East Ayrshire Council.

Councillor O'Neill joined the meeting and Councillor Hall left the meeting during discussion of the above item.

#### **DRAFT ESTIMATES 1996/97 - HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT**

2. There was submitted a report dated 5 January 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Finance which sought approval of the draft estimates 1996/97 in terms of the cost of the current level of services (CCLS), and detailed the various factors which required consideration in determining the level of council house rents to be levied for the financial year 1996/97.

Having heard the Chair and in answer to Members questions it was agreed:-

- (1) to note that a further consultation exercise would be held, including discussions with Tenants Associations with regard to the draft estimates for 1996/97 for the housing revenue account; and
- (2) that the cost of the current level of services (CCLS) budget for the housing revenue account for 1996/97 be approved.

The meeting terminated at 1450 hrs.