

APPENDIX VIII

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

**DECENTRALISATION SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE POLICY AND RESOURCES
COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 21 JANUARY 1997 AT 1000 HOURS
IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD,
KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors David Fulton, Ronald Brailsford, Jane Darnbrough, Bob Beattie and Kim Nicoll.

ATTENDING: David Montgomery, Chief Executive; Fiona Lees, Depute Chief Executive; Barbara Haughan, Director of Support Services; Eoghan Baird, Training and Development Manager; Donald McVicar, Senior Administrative Officer; Maureen Walker, Senior Administrative Officer (Information and Advice); and Robert Beaton, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Drew McIntyre, Wilma Doyle, Kathleen Hall, Jim Kelly, David Sneller, Tommy Farrell and Eric Jackson.

CHAIR: Councillor David Fulton, Chair.

MEETINGS OF COMMUNITY FORUMS

1. There was submitted a report dated 7 January 1997 (circulated) by the Chief Executive regarding the third round of Community Forum meetings held as part as the Council's Preliminary Scheme for Decentralisation and making recommendations with regard to future arrangements for Community Forum meetings.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that the 15% return of questionnaires should have been reflected in the conclusion in paragraph 6.3 of the report;
- (ii) to ensure that the views of the Local Committees were being sought regarding their priorities for the Local Items, to be discussed at future Community Forums;
- (iii) that the assessment form used at Community Forums be amended to identify if the respondent was attending on behalf of a local community organisation;
- (iv) to note that a review of publicity arrangements for Community Forums would be undertaken by the Head of Public Relations and Marketing in consultation with Local Committees; and
- (v) otherwise, to note the terms of the report.

**PUTTING THE COMMUNITY FIRST - LOCAL COMMITTEES' TRAINING
PROGRAMME UPDATE**

2. There was submitted a report dated 7 January 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Personnel Services providing an update on the Local Committees' training

programme delivered to date and to seek the Sub-Committee's view on future training.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to confirm the training topics for Sessions 10 (Public Transport) and 11 (Identification of Future Training Needs for Local Committees);
- (ii) to consider further training needs for 1997/98 following consultation with Local Committees; and
- (iii) to note the contents of the report.

DECENTRALISATION - TIMETABLE AND AGENDA

3. There was submitted and noted a report dated 7 January 1997 (circulated) by the Chief Executive outlining the Agenda timetable relative to the Preliminary Decentralisation Scheme up to 1 April 1997.

The meeting terminated at 1025 hours.