

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL****HOUSING COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 10 FEBRUARY 1998 AT 1100 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Jim Kelly, Drew McIntyre, Gordon Cree, Provost Robert Stirling and Councillors Jane Darnbrough, Alan Campbell, David Fulton, Kim Nicoll, Robert McDill, David Sneller, George Smith, John Smith and Tommy Farrell.

**ATTENDING:** David Montgomery, Chief Executive; Gordon Clark, Director of Finance; John Hillis, Director of Housing; Douglas Campbell, Head of Public Relations and Marketing; Julie Armstrong, Senior Administrative Officer; Karen McLeod, Senior Solicitor; and Stuart Nelson, Administrative Officer.

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors Gordon McCredie, Douglas Reid, Wilma Doyle, John Knapp, David Macrae, Jim Carmichael and Robert Taylor.

**CHAIR:** Councillor Jim Kelly, Chair.

**HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT 1998/99: DRAFT ESTIMATES**

1. There was submitted a joint report dated 4 February 1998 (circulated) by the Directors of Housing and of Finance (a) advising of, and seeking approval to, the proposed Housing Revenue Estimates 1998/99; and (b) requesting the Committee to make a recommendation to the Policy and Resources committee on the level at which house rents would be levied for the financial year 1998/99.

Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Sneller, moved that the Committee:-

- (a) recommend to the Special Policy and Resources Committee, to be held later that day:-
  - (i) approval of the draft estimates for the Housing Revenue Account 1998/99 as outlined in Section 4 of the report;
  - (ii) approval of an additional capital contribution from revenue for 1998/99 of £5.2m as outlined in the report; and
  - (iii) approval of a flat rate increase in all house rents of £1.45, together with an additional increase of £0.87 for houses in the north of East Ayrshire in terms of the agreement pertaining to the harmonisation of rent levels; and
- (b) otherwise note the terms of the report.

Councillor Campbell, seconded by Councillor McDill, moved as an amendment that the Committee recommend approval of the draft estimates for the Housing Revenue Account for 1998/99 as outlined in Section 4 of the report, that consideration of the whole matter be continued to the Special Council meeting to be held on Thursday 5 March 1998, and that the Committee otherwise note the terms of the report.

On a division by a show of hands, the motion was carried by 10 votes to 3.

The meeting terminated at 1122 hours.