

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL****POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 10 FEBRUARY 1998  
AT 1600 HRS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS,  
LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

**PRESENT:** Councillors David Sneller, Drew McIntyre, Irene Reeves, Douglas Reid, Wilma Doyle, Ronald Brailsford, Provost Robert Stirling, Councillors Jane Darnbrough, Jim O'Neill, Kathleen Hall, Daniel Coffey, David Fulton, Kim Nicoll, George Turnbull, Eric Ross, Jim Kelly, Jimmy Boyd and Eric Jackson.

**ATTENDING:** David Montgomery, Chief Executive; Gordon Clark, Director of Finance; John Hillis, Director of Housing; Roddy Wallace, Head of Administration; Douglas Campbell, Head of Public Relations and Marketing; and Julie Armstrong, Senior Administrative Officer.

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors John Smith and Tommy Farrell.

**CHAIR:** Councillor David Sneller, Chair.

**HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT 1998/99 –  
DRAFT ESTIMATES (Item 1, Page 2955)**

1. There was submitted a joint report dated 4 February 1998 (circulated) by the Directors of Housing and of Finance which sought approval of (a) the Revenue Estimates 1998/99 remitted from the Special Housing Committee of 10 February 1998 held earlier that day, and (b) the level at which house rents would be levied for the financial year 1998/99.

There was also submitted extract from the Special Housing Committee Minutes of 10 February 1998 (circulated) which detailed the recommendations of the Committee as follows:

- (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.

C Councillor Sneller, seconded by Councillor Jackson, moved to recommend acceptance of the recommendations of the Special Housing Committee of 10 February 1998 as detailed above.

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Councillor Coffey, seconded by Councillor Hall, 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 13 votes to 5.

The meeting terminated at 1610 hrs.