

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 17 DECEMBER 1998 AT
1000 HRS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS,
LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Depute Provost Boyd and Councillors Gordon McCredie, Irene Reeves, Gordon Cree, Douglas Reid, Ronald Brailsford, Jane Darnbrough, Jim O'Neill, Kathleen Hall, Ann Hay, Daniel Coffey, David Macrae, Kim Nicoll, Robert McDill, Eric Ross, Jim Kelly, David Sneller, George Smith, Jimmy Carmichael and Tommy Farrell.

ATTENDING: David Montgomery, Chief Executive; Fiona Lees, Depute Chief Executive; William Stafford, Director of Community Services; Stephen Chorley, Director of Development Services; John Mulgrew, Director of Education; Alex McPhee, Director of Finance; John Hillis, Director of Housing; Iain McLachlan, Director of Personnel Services; Douglas Bulloch, Director of Social Work; Barbara Haughan, Director of Support Services; Bill Taylor, Acting Director of Commercial Operations; Kate McVey, Solicitor to Council; Roddy Wallace, Head of Administration; Douglas Campbell, Head of Public Relations and Marketing; Bill Walkinshaw, Principal Administrative Officer; and Julie Armstrong, Senior Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Provost Robert Stirling and Councillors Drew McIntyre, Alan Campbell, John Knapp, David Fulton, George Turnbull, Robert Taylor, John Smith and Eric Jackson.

CHAIR: In the absence of the Provost, Depute Provost Boyd.

PREVIOUS MINUTES

1. There were submitted Minutes of Meeting of Council held on 5 November 1998 (circulated) which were approved as a correct record.

COMMITTEE MINUTES

2. There were submitted (circulated) and approved both as correct records and in respect of recommendations contained therein, the Minutes of the undernoted Committee meetings as follows, viz:-
 - 2.1 **SPECIAL AD HOC COMMERCIAL STRATEGY REVIEW COMMITTEE OF 26 OCTOBER 1998 (pages 3893-3897).**
 - 2.2 **SPECIAL DOON VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE OF 29 OCTOBER 1998 (pages 3898-3901).**
 - 2.3 **SPECIAL SOUTHERN LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE OF 5 NOVEMBER 1998 (pages 3906-3907).**
 - 2.4 **EMERGENCY POWERS COMMITTEE OF 9 NOVEMBER 1998 (page 3908).**
 - 2.5 **KILMARNOCK NORTH LOCAL COMMITTEE OF 10 NOVEMBER 1998 (pages 3909-3913).**
 - 2.6 **CUMNOCK AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE OF 12 NOVEMBER 1998 (pages 3914-3919).**

- 2.7 NORTHERN AREA LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE OF 13 NOVEMBER 1998 (pages 3920-3928).**
- 2.8 EMERGENCY POWERS COMMITTEE OF 18 NOVEMBER 1998 (pages 3929-3930).**
- 2.9 HOUSING COMMITTEE OF 18 NOVEMBER 1998 (pages 3931-3938).**
- 2.9.1 BENEFITS SECTION BACKLOG: PROGRESS REPORT (Item 7, Page 3932)**
 It was noted that the regular progress report to be submitted to the next meeting of the Housing Committee would deal with the issues of concern raised at the meeting.
- 2.10 IRVINE VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE OF 18 NOVEMBER 1998 (pages 3939-3943).**
- 2.11 SPECIAL NORTHERN LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE OF 20 NOVEMBER 1998 (pages 3944-3945).**
- 2.12 SOUTHERN LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE OF 20 NOVEMBER 1998 (pages 3946-3953).**
- 2.13 SPECIAL AD HOC COMMERCIAL STRATEGY REVIEW COMMITTEE OF 23 NOVEMBER 1998 (pages 3954-3958).**
- 2.14 DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE OF 24 NOVEMBER 1998 (pages 3959-3976).**
- 2.15 KILMARNOCK CENTRAL LOCAL COMMITTEE OF 24 NOVEMBER 1998 (pages 3977-3981).**
- 2.16 COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE OF 25 NOVEMBER 1998 (pages 3982-3993).**
- 2.17 KILMARNOCK SOUTH LOCAL COMMITTEE OF 25 NOVEMBER 1998 (pages 3994-3998).**
- 2.18 EDUCATION COMMITTEE OF 26 NOVEMBER 1998 (pages 3999-4007).**
- 2.19 NORTHERN AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE OF 26 NOVEMBER 1998 (pages 4008-4013).**
- 2.20 SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE OF 1 DECEMBER 1998 (pages 4014-4025).**
- 2.21 POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE OF 3 DECEMBER 1998 (pages 4026-4056).**
- 2.21.1 REMIT FROM COMMITTEE - URBAN PROGRAMME TERMINATING PROJECTS: FINANCIAL YEAR 1999/2000 (Item 10, Page 4028)**
 It was agreed to appoint Councillors Eric Jackson, Jimmy Carmichael, George Smith, David Fulton, Kathleen Hall and Ann Hay to the Evaluation Panel for Urban Programme Terminating Projects.
- 2.22 CENTRAL LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE OF 4 DECEMBER 1998 (pages 4057-4061).**

**SPECIAL POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE OF 24 NOVEMBER 1998 -
EXCERPT FROM MINUTE - MEMBER/OFFICER WORKING GROUP
ON AIDS AND ADAPTATIONS**

3. There was submitted an excerpt from Special Policy and Resources Committee of 24 November 1998 which sought approval of the recommendations from the Member/Officer Working Group on Aids and Adaptations (circulated).

It was agreed to approve the Minutes extract as a correct record and the recommendations therein.

Councillor Hay joined the meeting during discussion of the above item.

**EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM
OF 2 DECEMBER 1998**

4. There was submitted and noted Minutes of Meeting held on 2 December 1998 (circulated) as contained within the Appendix to these Minutes.

**AMENDMENTS TO EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL'S
MEETINGS CALENDAR 1998/99 (Item 6, Page 2822)**

5. There was submitted a report dated 4 December 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services which submitted for consideration amendments to East Ayrshire Council's meetings calendar 1998/99.

It was agreed:

- (i) to the revised meetings dates for the Community Care Sub-Committee of the Social Work Committee as follows: Thursday 4 March 1999 at 1000 hrs and Thursday 15 April 1999 at 1000 hrs; and
- (ii) that the Director of Support Services implement these amendments as appropriate.

SCHEME OF DELEGATION

6. There was submitted a report dated 10 December 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services which presented for consideration, amendments to East Ayrshire Council's Scheme of Delegation of powers and duties to Committees, Sub-Committees and Officers, arising out of operational experience and to take cognisance of the present ongoing review of the Council's structures.

It was agreed:

- (i) that for the purposes of the Scheme of Delegation, in respect of those responsibilities which had or would be transferred under the review of the Council's structures, the delegated powers associated with these responsibilities would, in their entirety, be carried out by the new responsible Committees and Directors, on the agreed date of transfer;
- (ii) to note that the normal sub-delegation processes exist to provide for the Depute Directors and Heads of Service to exercise the new transferred duties of the Directors in the absence of or with the Authority of the Directors and further, the Directors or Heads of Service may authorise respectively other Officers to carry out these new duties in their absence or with their authority;

- (iii) under the Scheme of Delegation, that the Assistant Chief Executive (Solicitor to the Council) be empowered to exercise the duties of the Chief Executive in the absence of the Chief Executive and Depute Chief Executive;
- (iv) that the amendments to the Scheme of Delegation as detailed within the Appendix to the report be approved;
- (v) to note that a number of amendments had already been recommended by Committees and approved by Council and that these amendments would be incorporated into the Scheme of Delegation;
- (vi) to note that as soon as it is possible to do so, the revised detailed Scheme of Delegation would be drawn up by the Director of Support Services in consultation with all Departments and submitted to Council; and
- (vii) to note that the next scheduled review of the Scheme of Delegation would be following the Council Elections on 6 May 1999.

**CHANGE IN MEMBERSHIP OF SOCIAL WORK
INSPECTION UNIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

7. It was agreed that Councillor David Macrae replace Councillor Eric Ross on the Social Work Inspection Unit Advisory Committee.

STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL CLOSING DEFICIT

8. There was submitted and noted a report dated 10 December 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Finance which advised of the issue of a report prepared by the Controller of Audit which was intended to explain the main factors which led to the reported deficit of £78.5m at 31 March 1996.

The meeting terminated at 1050 hrs.