

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 15 JUNE 2000 AT 1000 HRS
IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS,
LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Drew McIntyre, Daniel Coffey, John Weir, Harry Wilson, Jane Darnbrough, John Knapp, Eric Jackson, Tommy Farrell, Provost Jimmy Boyd, Councillors Eric Ross, Elaine Dinwoodie and Robert Taylor.

ATTENDING: David Montgomery, Chief Executive; Fiona Lees, Depute Chief Executive; William Stafford, Director of Community Services; Barbara Haughan, Director of Corporate Services; Alex McPhee, Director of Finance; James Lavery, Director of Homes and Technical Services; Margaret Burnell, Senior Depute Director of Education; Allan Y McDougall, Depute Director of Social Work; Roddy Wallace, Head of Administration; Malcolm Roulston, Head of Information Technology; Douglas Campbell, Head of Public Relations and Marketing; Martin O'Rourke, Principal Officer, Best Value Unit; David Mitchell, Principal Solicitor; and Julie Armstrong, Senior Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Katie Hall, Douglas Reid, David Macrae, Alan Campbell, Finlay MacLean, Robert McDill and Jimmy Kelly.

CHAIR: Councillor Drew McIntyre, Chair.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. The Chair intimated that he would be considering item 9 on the Agenda before item 8.

SUB-COMMITTEE MINUTES

2. There were submitted and approved, both as correct records and in respect of any recommendations contained therein, the undernoted Sub-Committee Minutes as contained within Appendices I to IX of these Minutes, viz:-
 - 2.1 **QUEENS DRIVE SUB-COMMITTEE OF 2 MAY 2000** - Appendix I.
 - 2.2 **APPEALS SUB-COMMITTEE OF 3 MAY 2000** - Appendix II.
 - 2.3 **RECRUITMENT SUB-COMMITTEE OF 5 MAY 2000** - Appendix III.
 - 2.4 **RECRUITMENT SUB-COMMITTEE OF 17 MAY 2000** - Appendix IV.
 - 2.5 **CHAIR'S SUB-COMMITTEE OF 30 MAY 2000** - Appendix V.
 - 2.6 **PERSONNEL AND PROPERTY SUB-COMMITTEE OF 30 MAY 2000** - Appendix VI.
 - 2.7 **MEMBERS' SERVICES AND CIVIC CEREMONIAL SUB-COMMITTEE OF 31 MAY 2000** - Appendix VII.
 - 2.8 **BEST VALUE SUB-COMMITTEE OF 7 JUNE 2000** - Appendix VIII.
 - 2.9 **RECRUITMENT SUB-COMMITTEE OF 9 JUNE 2000** - Appendix IX.

TREASURY MANAGEMENT - ANNUAL REPORT 1999/2000

3. There was submitted and noted a report dated 25 May 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Finance on the out-turn performance of the Treasury Management function for the financial year 1999/2000.

PUBLICATION OF CORPORATE ICT STRATEGY

4. There was submitted a report dated 23 May 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Corporate Services on progress of the review, update and publication of the Council's Corporate Information and Communications Technology Strategy.

It was noted that, to clarify matters paragraph 3.3 should read "Having secured Departmental agreement and, subject to approval by Policy and Resources Committee, Revision 2 of the Corporate ICT Strategy will become effective and fully operational on 1 July 2000, and the document, which is currently available to Members on request, will be published on the Corporate Intranet".

Councillor McIntyre, seconded by Councillor Jackson, moved to approve the contents of the report.

Councillor D Coffey, seconded by Councillor Wilson, moved as an amendment to note the report.

On a division by a show of hands the motion was carried by nine votes to three.

OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CHILDCARE

5. There was submitted a report dated 30 May 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Education on the actions being taken to support, sustain and develop Out of School Care provision in the Kilmarnock and Northern areas and which sought agreement to allocate £15,000 from the Social Inclusion Challenge Fund to the proposed Out of School Care consortium.

It was agreed

- (i) to grant £15,000 from the Social Inclusion Challenge Fund to ensure the continuation of Out of School Care groups identified in Section 3.3 of the report namely BASICS, Onthank Out of School Care, Bellfield Out of School Care and Dunlop Out of School Care;
- (ii) that the Director of Education finalise the funding package required to sustain existing out of school care provision in the Kilmarnock and Northern areas;
- (iii) to request that the Social Inclusion Strategic Partnership Group be advised of the funding allocation; and
- (iv) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

PROPOSALS FOR THE ADDITIONAL ALLOCATION OF HEALTH SERVICE MONIES (Item 5, Page 1081, 99/02)

6. There was submitted a report dated 9 June 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work (i) on the allocation of Health Service monies to Local Authorities; (ii) which presented proposals on the utilisation of these funds; and (iii) which sought approval to establish posts arising from the resources available.

This item had been referred from the Social Work Committee of 14 June 2000 and a Minute excerpt from Social Work Committee was also circulated.

It was agreed to the proposals remitted from the Social Work Committee in respect of the staffing implications namely the establishment of additional posts of one Social Worker and one Home Help Organiser.

THE COUNCIL'S APPROACH TO VOLUNTEERING IN EAST AYRSHIRE

7. There was submitted a report dated 27 April 2000 (circulated) by the Chief Executive which sought agreement to recommend to Council an East Ayrshire Policy for volunteering, to support the establishment of a Local Volunteer Development Agency and to endorse as the Council's response to the Scottish Executive on Supporting Active Communities in Scotland, the comments contained within the report.

It was agreed:

- (i) to recommend to Council the adoption of East Ayrshire Council Volunteering Policy as shown in the appendix to the report;
- (ii) to support the establishment of an East Ayrshire Local Volunteer Development Agency and to make available this year a sum of £10,000 as a contribution towards the required match funding;
- (iii) to note that contributions in future years would require to be considered when the Council's base budget was constructed;
- (iv) to authorise Officers to ensure an appropriate package of "in kind" support is prepared to allow the Local Volunteer Development Agency to make application to the Scottish Executive for funding;
- (v) to endorse as the Council's response to the Scottish Executive on Supporting Active Communities in Scotland the comments contained within the report; and
- (vi) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

DEVELOPMENT OF PRIMARY HEALTH CARE FACILITIES - DRONGAN AND DALMELLINGTON (Item 2, Page 872, 99/02)

8. There was submitted a report dated 8 June 2000 (circulated) by the Chief Executive on the outcome of two Partnership Bids made by the Ayrshire and Arran Primary Care NHS Trust in conjunction with East Ayrshire Council to the Scottish Executive for funding to secure improved health care facilities in the communities of Drongan and Dalmellington and which sought the Committee's agreement on the actions now required.

The Chair, on behalf of the Committee, thanked all the Officers of the Council and Primary Care Trust for the work that had been done with both projects.

It was agreed:

- (i) to note the successful outcome of the Drongan and Dalmellington bids resulting in a £2.1m health care investment in the Doon Valley;
- (ii) to the disposal of the land required to allow the Drongan Resource Centre to proceed subject to satisfactory conclusion of the title search and standard conveyancing procedures;

- (iii) that the Head of Economic Development in conjunction with the Solicitor to the Council proceed to dispose of this land to the Ayrshire and Arran Primary Health Care Trust as outlined in paragraph 4.4.5 of the report;
- (iv) that the Head of Economic Development enter into discussions now with the Primary Care Trust to agree terms and conditions in relation to the joint arrangements for the use of both properties once operational;
- (v) in relation to the construction of the Dalmellington Area Centre, to the establishment of a public/private partnership and instruct the Director of Homes and Technical Services to initiate procedures resulting in the selection of a preferred bidder;
- (vi) to note that the Head of Economic Development would make suitable alternative arrangements for existing occupiers within the Main Street Dalmellington Industrial Estate;
- (vii) to note that further update reports would be submitted to future meetings of this Committee as appropriate; and
- (viii) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

**EAST AYRSHIRE WOMEN'S AID -
CUMNOCK AND DOON VALLEY (Item 2.3, Page 713, 99/02)**

9. There was submitted a report dated 8 June 2000 (circulated) by the Chief Executive to advise of the recommendations of the Evaluation Panel following the outcome of the investigation undertaken by the Solicitor to the Council and other outstanding matters identified during the evaluation process of the Cumnock and Doon Valley Women's Aid Refuge for Women/Children Project.

It was agreed:

- (i) to note the outcome of the investigation by the Solicitor to the Council;
- (ii) to note that the Director of Social Work would present a report to the Social Work Committee making recommendations on the allocation of Section 10 Grant;
- (iii) to note that the Director of Social Work was in the process of establishing a Service Level Agreement with Cumnock and Doon Valley Women's Aid;
- (iv) to note that funding arrangements for Cumnock and Doon Valley Women's Aid for 2001/2002 would be reported for consideration to a future meeting at the appropriate time;
- (v) to support the continuation of Cumnock and Doon Valley Women's Aid and the provision of £30,875.60 funding from East Ayrshire Council for 2000/2001;
- (vi) that £10,000 of the Women's Refuge current reserve be "ring-fenced" as potential match funding for a future funding package to extend the existing play facilities within the Refuge and that this sum be taken into consideration in respect of future funding should such a package not be assembled;
- (vii) that the Director of Social Work's proposals for administrative support in the extension of the Children's Worker to a full time post as outlined in Section 6 of the report be approved; and

- (viii) that the Director of Social Work, in conjunction with the Director of Finance continue to keep the funding arrangements for the Women's Refuge, including the position in relation to Housing Benefit subsidy, under review and reduce the level of funding committed to the project as appropriate this being subject to the Council's normal budget monitoring procedures.

EXTERNAL FUNDING SUPPORT (Item 2, Page 853, 99/02)

- 10.** There was submitted a report dated 8 June 2000 (circulated) by the Chief Executive to propose the creation of a new post of External Funding Support Officer to support the Council and the local voluntary sector in conjunction with partners in securing increased external funding to realise key projects in East Ayrshire, subject to consultation with Trade Unions.

It was agreed:

- (i) subject to consultation with Trade Unions to create a post of External Funding Support Officer at SO8 within the new Corporate Resources Department as detailed within the report;
- (ii) that the costs of the post in 2000/2001 be met from the Policy and Resources grants budget with a detailed future funding package for the post being considered as part of the budget process 2001/2002;
- (iii) to remit the detailed arrangements for recruiting the post to the Head of Personnel Services in conjunction with the Director of Corporate Resources (Designate); and
- (iv) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

The meeting terminated at 1050 hrs.