

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

JOINT SERVICES SUB-COMMITTEE

**Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 13 June 1995 at 1000 hrs
in the Council Chambers, Civic Centre, Kilmarnock**

PRESENT: Councillors G Turnbull (Chair), G Cree, R Brailsford, D Macrae, R McDill, G Smith, D Sneller, R Stirling and R Taylor.

ATTENDING: D Montgomery, Chief Executive; L Guilford, Director of Planning; A Neish, Depute Director of Planning (KLDC); A Montgomery, District Planning Officer (CDVDC); G Heaney, Member of Service Provision (West), Strathclyde Passenger Transport Executive; J Parke, Assistant Director, Department of Physical Planning, Strathclyde Regional Council; W Sommerville, Depute Assessor; W Brown, Senior Administrative Officer, Assessors Service, Strathclyde Regional Council; G Williams, Senior Divisional Officer and M Traquair, Divisional Officer Strathclyde Fire Brigade; Superintendent M Rodger, Chief Inspector M Papworth, Chief Inspector I Henderson, Chief Superintendent H Bunch and A McLeod, Finance Manager, Strathclyde Police and A M Carr, Chief Executive's Department.

APOLOGIES: Councillors J Boyd, T Farrell, A McIntyre, J Smith, G McCredie and D Reid.

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Submitted and approved as a correct record Minutes of meeting dated 24 May 1995 (circulated) subject to including Councillor D Macrae in the present section.

2. JOINT SERVICES

(a) FIRE SERVICE

Submitted and noted the following documents:-

- (i) Strathclyde Fire Brigade, East Ayrshire Unitary Authority Area Profile;
- (ii) comments from Strathclyde Fire Brigade regarding the fire services administration scheme.

Mr G Williams, Senior Divisional Officer, gave a presentation highlighting relevant points from both documents after which there followed a question and answer session.

(b) PASSENGER TRANSPORT AUTHORITY

Mr George Heaney gave a presentation highlighting relevant points after which there followed a question and answer session. Arising from the discussion it was noted that it was anticipated that the Government would soon announce regarding the new Passenger Transport Authority's boundary area and as soon as this was known, it was agreed that a meeting with the SPTA be arranged.

Councillor Stirling left the meeting and Councillors Macrae, McDill, and Taylor left and rejoined the meeting during discussion of the above item.

3. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ETC (SCOTLAND) ACT 1994: STRUCTURE PLAN AREAS

Submitted the undernoted documentation:-

- (i) letter dated 31 May 1995 from The Scottish Office Environment Department;
- (ii) draft response from East Ayrshire Council to The Scottish Office;
- (iii) report dated 30 December 1994 by the Director of Planning (KLDC);
- (iv) report dated 20 December 1994 by District Planning Officer (CDVDC); and
- (iv) Scottish Office consultation document on structure plan areas.

Director of Planning (KLDC), District Planning Officer (CDVDC) and Physical Planning Officer (SRC) highlighted the relevant points and area of commonality in relation to the issue of structure planning.

Agreed -

- (i) the draft response on structure planning, supporting an all-Ayrshire area approach be recommended to the Council;
- (ii) that an early meeting be arranged with both North and South Ayrshire Councils to discuss matters concerning joint working arrangements in relation to the structure planning service; and
- (iii) that the Chief Executive advise Strathclyde Regional Council that the total number of staff disaggregating to East Ayrshire Council from the Regional Council's Structure Planning Department should relate at this stage to work being carried out in its area and not to any averaging out arrangement involving specialist staff deployed wholly on work elsewhere in Strathclyde.

Councillor Stirling rejoined the meeting during discussion of the above item.

Councillor Brailsford left and rejoined the meeting during discussion of the above item.

4. POLICE SERVICE

Submitted information relating to the revenue budget for 1995/96 which identified the notional allocation between constituent authorities.

Chief Superintendent Bunch gave a presentation highlighting relevant points from the above document, after which there followed a question and answer session.

6. POLICE AMALGAMATION SCHEME AND FIRE SERVICE ADMINISTRATION SCHEME

Submitted draft response from East Ayrshire Council to The Scottish Office in respect of both schemes.

Agreed to amend the response to The Scottish Office and recommend to the Council that the paper, subject to certain amendments identified in discussion be submitted as East Ayrshire Council's comments on both the Strathclyde combined Police area

amalgamation scheme and the Mid and South Western combined Fire Services area administration scheme.

6. ASSESSOR'S SERVICES/ELECTORAL REGISTRATION

Submitted report by Regional Assessor.

Mr Sommerville, SRC Assessor's Service and Electoral Registration Office, highlighted the proposals for the provision of Assessor's Services/Electoral Registration and commented on the benefits for unitary authorities of continuing with the current arrangements for the provision of this service.

Agreed -

- (a) that arrangements be made to meet with North and South Ayrshire Councils to discuss the options available in respect of this matter and
- (b) to recommend that the provision of the Assessor's Services/Electoral Registration Service be arranged jointly.

7. DURATION OF MEETING

The meeting terminated at 1245 hrs.