

APPENDIX VII

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

**DECENTRALISATION SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE POLICY AND RESOURCES
COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 27 MAY 1997 AT 1000 HOURS IN
THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD,
KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Drew McIntyre, Wilma Doyle, Ronald Brailsford, Bob Beattie, James Kelly, Tommy Farrell and Eric Jackson.

ATTENDING: David Montgomery, Chief Executive; Barbara Haughan, Director of Support Services; Jim Kane, Chief Engineer (Roads), Development Services Department; Mary Fegan, Divisional Manager, Social Work Department; Eoghan Baird, Training and Development Manager; Donald McVicar, Senior Administrative Officer; Maureen Walker, Senior Administrative Officer (Information and Advice); and Robert Beaton, Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Jean Dunlop (Kilmarnock Forum on Disability) and Billy Crawford (Cumnock Community Council).

APOLOGIES: Councillors David Fulton, Jane Darnbrough, Kathleen Hall and David Sneller.

CHAIR: Councillor Drew McIntyre was appointed to the Chair.

**1-7-5: INNOVATION AND CREATIVITY IN COUNCILS WITH POPULATIONS
UNDER 175,000 - SOLACE AWARD**

1. The Chair agreed to consider this item at the end of the meeting.

TRAINING OF LOCAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

2. There was submitted a report dated 15 April 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Personnel Services which submitted for consideration, proposals to meet future training needs of Members and Community Representatives on Local Committees.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the findings of the consultation with the Local Committees;
- (ii) to approve the training topics for 1997/98 as detailed in the report; and
- (iii) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

**PROGRESS ON PREVIOUSLY AGREED PROGRAMME FOR LOCAL OFFICES
FOR 1996/97**

3. There was submitted and noted a report dated 19 May 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services which provided an update on the previously agreed programme for Local Offices for 1996/97.

FORWARD PLANNING TIMETABLE OF ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED AT LOCAL COMMITTEES

4. There was submitted a report dated 20 May 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services which recommended arrangements for forward planning in respect of the Agenda and timescales of Local Committee meetings.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the provisional forward planning programme; and
- (ii) to receive a final forward planning programme for 1997/98 at the next meeting.

DECENTRALISATION - TIMETABLE AND AGENDA

5. There was submitted and noted a report dated 13 May 1997 (circulated) by the Chief Executive outlining the Agenda timetable relative to the Decentralisation Scheme for 1997.

1-7-5: INNOVATION AND CREATIVITY IN COUNCILS WITH POPULATIONS UNDER 175,000 - SOLACE AWARD

6. There was submitted a report dated 16 May 1997 (circulated) by the Chief Executive advising of the award given to the Council for Innovation and Creativity by the Society of Local Authority Chief Executives (SOLACE).

At this point Jim Kane, Chief Engineer Roads, Mary Fegan, Divisional Manager, Social Work Department, Jean Dunlop, (Kilmarnock Forum on Disability) and Billy Crawford (Cumnock Community Council) were introduced to the meeting and thereafter answered questions on the presentation made at the SOLACE Seminar.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the Council's success in the 1-7-5: Innovation and Creativity Awards sponsored by SOLACE; and
- (ii) to congratulate the team of Officers and Community Members headed by the Chief Executive, who made the presentation at the SOLACE Seminar in achieving the position of runner-up in the Awards Ceremony.

The meeting terminated at 1045 hours.