

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON 28 FEBRUARY 1997 AT 1130 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Jim O'Neill, Ronald Brailsford, Provost Robert Stirling, Councillors Alan Campbell, David Sneller, Robert Taylor and John Smith.

ATTENDING: Fiona Lees, Depute Chief Executive; Des Tierney, Director of Commercial Operations; William McKenzie, Senior Depute Director of Commercial Operations; Robin Gourlay, Depute Director of Commercial Operations; David McLellan, Senior Accountant, Department of Finance; Bill Walkinshaw, Principal Administrative Officer; and Jennifer Morrison, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Drew McIntyre, Kathleen Hall, John Knapp, Jimmy Carmichael, Tommy Farrell and Eric Jackson.

CHAIR: Councillor Jim O'Neill, Chair.

DRAFT ESTIMATES 1997/98 - GENERAL SERVICES**1.1 FINANCIAL REPORT**

There was submitted and noted a report dated 21 February 1997 (circulated with the agenda for the Special Policy and Resources Committee of 25 February 1997) by the Director of Finance which advised of the latest position, now that finalised figures had been obtained in respect of the 1997/98 budget, and which recommended that the Policy and Resources Committee determine final allocations for each of the Service Committees, and requested that those Committees finalise savings and growth packages to align service delivery plans with the final allocations for 1997/98 taking into account the views and comments made during the Council's public consultation exercise.

1.2 REMIT FROM SPECIAL POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE OF 25 FEBRUARY 1997

There was submitted and noted remit (Minute extract circulated) from the Special Policy and Resources Committee of 25 February 1997 requesting that the Service Committees finalise savings and growth packages to align service delivery plans with the final financial allocations for 1997/98 as determined by the Special Policy and Resources Committee at its meeting on 25 February 1997.

1.3 REVENUE BUDGET FOR 1997/98

There was submitted a report dated 27 February 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Commercial Operations detailing a package of internal measures wholly within the remit of Commercial Operations Committee, and initiating consideration of the implementation of Client Service Committees' decisions on payments to be made to the Commercial Operations Department within the 1997/98 budget in relation to amended specifications, in order to realign service delivery within the income now

anticipated from Client Service Committees, the contribution required to Central Service charges and surplus expected to be generated in 1997/98.

Councillor O'Neill, seconded by Councillor John Smith moved:-

- (i) to accept the suggested changes in payments to the Commercial Operations Department as outlined in the report;
- (ii) to instruct the Director of Commercial Operations to agree amended specifications accordingly;
- (iii) to approve the package of measures outlined in the report which were wholly within the Commercial Operations remit;
- (iv) to confirm to the Special Policy and Resources Committee of 5 March 1997 that this would align service delivery to the expected income, central service charges and surplus estimated in the 1997/98 financial allocations; and
- (v) to recommend the savings/growth package outlined within the report to the Special Policy and Resources Committee to be held on 5 March 1997.

Councillor Campbell, seconded by Councillor Brailsford, moved as an amendment to note the report.

On a division by a show of hands, the motion was carried by 5 votes to 2.

Councillor Sneller joined the meeting during discussion of this item.

The meeting terminated at 1133 hours.