

**APPENDIX IX**

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

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

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 4 MARCH 1997 AT 1000 HOURS IN  
THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD,  
KILMARNOCK**

**PRESENT:** Councillors David Fulton, Ronald Brailsford, Jane Darnbrough, Bob Beattie and Eric Jackson.

**ATTENDING:** Fiona Lees, Depute Chief Executive; Barbara Haughan, Director of Support Services; Irene Townson, Principal Solicitor; Donald McVicar, Senior Administrative Officer; and Robert Beaton, Administrative Officer.

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors Drew McIntyre, Wilma Doyle, Kathleen Hall, David Sneller and Tommy Farrell.

**CHAIR:** Councillor Fulton, Chair.

**DRAFT SCHEME FOR DECENTRALISATION - "PUTTING THE COMMUNITY  
FIRST" - FEEDBACK FROM CONSULTATION**

1. There was submitted a report dated 28 February 1997 (circulated) by the Chief Executive advising of the feedback to the Council's consultation on its Draft Scheme for Decentralisation "Putting the Community First" and recommending the proposed terms for the Council's definitive Draft Scheme to be submitted to the Secretary of State by 1 April 1997.

The Depute Chief Executive also gave details of a response from the Scottish Water and Sewerage Customers Council received after the close of the consultation process and to request that Officers hold a meeting with the organisation to discuss their possible involvement in the Decentralisation process.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the arrangements which were made by the Chief Executive for consultation;
- (ii) to note the responses received from individuals and organisations in respect of the consultation process;
- (iii) to recommend to the Policy and Resources Committee:-
  - (a) that the proposals contained within the consultation document as summarised in section 2 of the report be endorsed for incorporation in the Council's definitive Draft Scheme; and
  - (b) that final arrangements for the writing up of the Scheme, be remitted to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Chair of the Decentralisation Sub-Committee and the Chair of the Policy and Resources Committee.

- (c) that the finalised Draft Decentralisation Scheme be considered for adoption by the Council at its meeting on 27 March 1997 as its definitive Draft Scheme prior to submission to the Secretary of State by 1 April 1997; and
- (iv) that the Chief Executive hold discussions with the Scottish Water and Sewerage Customers Council concerning their involvement in the Decentralisation process and to report back on progress.

The Chair referred to the considerable progress made by Officers in bringing forward the Draft Decentralisation Scheme within the required timescales and on behalf of the Sub-Committee, thanked Officers for their commitment and expertise and it was agreed that the Sub-Committee's appreciation be recorded.

### **PROPOSED CONSULTATION ON LICENSING GUIDELINES AND BYELAWS**

2. There was submitted a report dated 18 February 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services advising that the Clerk to the Licensing Board wished to obtain authority to consult with the Local Committees of the Council on matters upon which it would wish to inform itself, in relation to the making of consolidated liquor licensing Byelaws and the formulation of Board Guidelines in respect of applications for extended licensing hours.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to authorise the proposed consultation with the Local Committees; and
- (ii) to allow the Clerk to the Licensing Board to provide the necessary reports to the Director of Support Services for consideration by the Local Committees.

### **DECENTRALISATION - TIMETABLE AND AGENDA**

3. There was submitted a report dated 24 February 1997 (circulated) by the Chief Executive outlining the Agenda and Timetable relative to approval of the Draft Decentralisation Scheme.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to amend the timetable to reflect that the Draft Decentralisation Scheme be presented to the Council at its meeting on 27 March 1997 prior to submission to the Secretary of State by 1 April 1997; and
- (ii) that the Chief Executive submit a timetable for implementation of the Adopted Decentralisation Scheme to the next meeting of the Sub-Committee.

The meeting terminated at 1022 hours.