

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL****POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 25 FEBRUARY 1997 AT 1530 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTER, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

**PRESENT:** Councillors David Sneller, Irene Reeves, Wilma Doyle, Ronald Brailsford, Jane Darnbrough, Jim O'Neill, Bob Beattie, Daniel Coffey, David Fulton, George Turnbull, Eric Ross, Jim Kelly, Jimmy Boyd, and Eric Jackson.

**ATTENDING:** David Montgomery, Chief Executive; Fiona Lees, Depute Chief Executive; Des Tierney, Director of Commercial Operations; William Stafford, Director of Community Services; Gordon Clark, Director of Finance; John Hillis, Director of Housing; Iain McLachlan, Director of Personnel Services; Doulgas Bulloch, Director of Social Work; Barbara Haughan, Director of Support Services; Alex McPhee, Depute Director of Finance; Alan MacDougall, Depute Director of Social Work; Roddy Wallace, Head of Administration; Robert Paton, Head of Economic Development; John Robertson, Principal Officer (Development Services); Bill Walkinshaw, Principal Administrative Officer and Julie Armstrong, Senior Administrative Officer.

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors Drew McIntyre, Douglas Reid, Provost Robert Stirling and Councillors Kathleen Hall, Kim Nicoll and Tommy Farrell.

**CHAIR:** Councillor David Sneller, Chair.

**DRAFT ESTIMATES 1997/98 - GENERAL SERVICES**

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

Councillor Sneller seconded by Councillor O'Neill moved:

- (i) to remit the block allocation of financial resources to each Service Committee in the light of the overall resources now available as shown below, and to request Service Committees now to finalise savings and growth packages to align service delivery plans with the final financial allocation for 1997/98, taking into account the views and comments made during the Council's public consultation exercise;

|                       | <u>Further Savings<br/>Identified</u> | <u>Cuts<br/>Abatement/Extra<br/>New Growth</u> | <u>New Net Cut</u> |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|--|--------------------|
| Across Council Action | 45,000                                | 20,000   | 1,555,000          |
| Education             |                                       | 435,000  | 1,320,000 (2.3%)   |

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| Social Work                | 10,000        | 166,300        | 800,400 (3.7%)   |
| Community Services (net)   | 27,500        | 91,500         | 502,500 (3.3%)   |
| Development Services (net) |               | 161,000        | 244,000 (2.9%)   |
| Policy & Resources         |               |                |                  |
| Support Services           |               | 60,000         | 399,600 (6.5%)   |
| Central Services           |               | 29,700         | 300,300 (6.8%)   |
| General Fund Housing       |               | 30,000         | 7,200 (1.9%)     |
| <b>TOTAL</b>               | <b>82,500</b> | <b>993,500</b> | <b>5,129,000</b> |

- (ii) the transfer of the Reserve Balances amounting £0.294M (former Cumnock and Doon Valley District Council - £0.194M and former Kilmarnock and Loudoun District Council - £0.100M) from the Commercial Operations Department to the General Fund with effect from 1 April 1996; and
- (iii) to otherwise note the report.

Councillor Coffey seconded by Councillor Brailsford moved as an amendment:-

- (i) to note the block allocation of financial resources as shown above, and request that the Committees finalise savings and growth packages for 1997/98, taking into account the views and comments made during the Council's public consultation exercise;
- (ii) to agree the transfer of the Reserve Balances amounting £0.294M (former Cumnock and Doon Valley District Council - £0.194M and former Kilmarnock and Loudoun District Council - £0.100M) from the Commercial Operations Department to the General Fund with effect from 1 April 1996; and
- (iii) to note the contents of the report and to continue to the appropriate meeting next week.

On a division by a show of hands the motion was carried by 12 votes to 2.

It was thereafter noted that following the agreed timetable the final decisions made by each of the respective Service Committees in relation to the foregoing would be submitted for consideration to the Special Meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee to be held on 5 March 1997 along with a report by the Director of Finance detailing the implications for each of the Council Tax bandings following the budget review exercise.

The meeting terminated at 1550 hours.