

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON 25 FEBRUARY 1998 AT 1530 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Jim O'Neill, Drew McIntyre, Provost Robert Stirling, Councillors Kathleen Hall, John Knapp, Kim Nicoll, David Sneller, Robert Taylor, John Smith and Eric Jackson.

ATTENDING: David Montgomery, Chief Executive; William McKenzie, Senior Depute Director of Commercial Operations; Robin Gourlay and Charles McIvor, Depute Directors of Commercial Operations; Roddy Wallace, Head of Administration; and Jennifer Morrison, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Alan Campbell and Tommy Farrell.

CHAIR: Councillor Jim O'Neill, Chair.

DRAFT ESTIMATES 1998/99 - GENERAL SERVICES**1.1 FINANCIAL REPORT (Item 1, Page 3016)**

There was submitted and noted a report dated 20 February 1998 (circulated with the agenda for the Special Policy and Resources Committee of 23 February 1998) by the Director of Finance which advised of the latest position now that finalised figures had been obtained in terms of the 1998/99 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 1998/99 taking into account the views and comments made during the Council's public consultation exercise.

1.2 REMIT FROM THE SPECIAL POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE OF 23 FEBRUARY 1998 (Item 1, Page 3016)

There was submitted and noted remit (Minute excerpt circulated) from the Special Policy and Resources Committee of 23 February 1998 which contained a request that the Service Committees finalise savings and growth packages to align service delivery plans with the final financial allocations for 1998/99 as determined by the Special Policy and Resources Committee at its meeting on 23 February 1998.

1.3 REVENUE BUDGET FOR 1998/99

There was submitted a report dated 24 February 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Commercial Operations which detailed 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 1998/99 budget in relation to amended specifications, in order to realign service delivery within the income now anticipated from Client Service Committees, together with the contribution required to Central Service charges and surplus expected to be generated in 1998/99.

Councillor Jim O'Neill, seconded by Councillor David Sneller, moved:-

- (i) to accept the suggested changes in payments to the Commercial Operations Department as outlined in the report;
- (ii) to instruct the Director to agree amended specifications accordingly;
- (iii) to approve the package of measures outlined in the report which were wholly within the remit of the Commercial Operations Committee;
- (iv) to confirm to the Policy and Resources Committee that this would align service delivery to the expected income, central service charges and surplus estimated in the 1998/99 financial allocations;
- (v) to recommend the savings/growth package outlined within the report to the Policy and Resources Committee; and
- (vi) to accept the savings package for services to Education subject to their approval at a future Committee.

Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Hall moved as an amendment to note the revised savings and growth proposals contained in the report and to continue consideration of these to a Special Meeting of the Council to be held on 5 March 1998.

On a division by a show of hands, the motion was carried by 8 votes to 2.

The meeting terminated at 1533 hours.