

APPENDIX V

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

**FINANCE AND PROPERTY SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE POLICY AND
RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 3 MARCH 1998 AT 1400 HOURS IN
THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD,
KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors David Sneller, Daniel Coffey, David Fulton, Eric Ross, Jim Kelly and Tommy Farrell.

ATTENDING: Fiona Lees, Depute Chief Executive; Barbara Haughan, Director of Support Services; Alex McPhee, Senior Depute Director of Finance; Robert McLeary, Head of Property Services; James Lally, Senior Administrative Officer and Alex Hewetson, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Drew McIntyre, Douglas Reid, Wilma Doyle, Jane Darnbrough and Kim Nicoll.

CHAIR: Councillor David Sneller, Chair.

**BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT - HOUSING REVENUE
ACCOUNT TO 2 JANUARY 1998 (PERIOD 10)**

1. There was submitted and noted a report dated 24 February 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Finance on the current budgetary control position and the projected out-turn for the year of the Housing Revenue Account for the period ended 2 January 1998 (Period 10).

STATISTICAL INFORMATION ON REVENUE COLLECTION

2. There was submitted a report dated 24 February 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Finance on the position of the billing and collection of local taxes for the Council as at 30 January 1998.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that the reason for the reduction in Council Tax income in the current financial year was partly attributable to operational difficulties experienced in relation to IT systems managed by the Caird Centre, Hamilton which resulted in a delay in the issue of reminder notices; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

3. The Sub-Committee resolved that under Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, as amended, the Press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 9 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

**REQUEST FOR AUTHORITY TO NEGOTIATE FOR THE DISPOSAL OF GROUND
TO REAR OF 72-84 THE CASTLE, NEW CUMNOCK**

4. There was submitted a report dated 12 February 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services seeking authorisation for the Head of Property Services to negotiate for the disposal of ground, formerly used for a garden, to the rear of 72-84 The Castle, New Cumnock.

It was agreed to dispose of land at the rear of 72-84 The Castle, New Cumnock, to a nominated party on terms and conditions to be negotiated by the Head of Property Services subject to:-

- (i) the land being declared surplus to requirements by the Development Services Committee;
- (ii) there being no title restrictions which may prevent the Council disposing of the land; and
- (iii) planning permission being granted for the proposed purchaser's development proposals.

**PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF LAND ADJACENT TO 183 DUNDONALD ROAD,
KILMARNOCK**

5. There was submitted a report dated 16 February 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services seeking authority for the Head of Legal Services to dispose of land adjacent to 183 Dundonald Road, Kilmarnock.

It was agreed to dispose of land comprising part of the garden at 183 Dundonald Road, Kilmarnock to the occupier, Mrs J Montgomery, at a price of £200, on the terms and conditions outlined in Paragraph 7 of the report.

ACQUISITION OF SHOP UNIT AT 38 JOHN FINNIE STREET, KILMARNOCK

6. There was submitted a report dated 19 February 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services seeking authority for the Head of Legal Services to proceed with the acquisition of the shop unit at 38 John Finnie Street, Kilmarnock (formerly McCririck & Sons, Gunmakers).

Having noted that the Housing Committee held on 25 February 1998 had authorised the use of the New Housing Partnership underspend for 1997/98 for this purpose and that the Scottish Office had given their approval for using part of the Council's new Housing Partnership allocation for the partnership project at 38 John Finnie Street, Kilmarnock, it was agreed to authorise the Head of Legal Services to proceed with the acquisition of the property at 38 John Finnie Street, Kilmarnock, on the provisional terms and conditions outlined in the report.

The meeting terminated at 1421 hours.