

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 24 FEBRUARY 1998 AT 1435 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Gordon Cree, Gordon McCredie, Ronald Brailsford, Jane Darnbrough, David Macrae, David Sneller, George Smith, James Carmichael, Robert Taylor and Tommy Farrell.

ATTENDING: David Montgomery, Chief Executive; William Stafford, Director of Community Services; Alex McPhee, Senior Depute Director of Finance; John Crawford, Head of Protective Services; Douglas Blyth, Senior Solicitor; Julie Armstrong, Senior Administrative Officer and Ian Gemmell, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillors John Smith, Drew McIntyre and Alan Campbell.

CHAIR: Councillor Gordon Cree, Chair.

DRAFT ESTIMATES 1998/99 - GENERAL SERVICES**1.1.1 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 that those Committees be requested to 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 SPECIAL POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE OF 23 FEBRUARY 1997 (Item 1, Page 3016)

There was submitted and noted a remit (Minute excerpt circulated) from the Special Policy and Resources Committee of 23 February 1998 which contained a request that the Community Services Committee finalise savings and growth packages for Community Services 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 23 February 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which detailed a package of measures to align the service delivery plans with the final financial allocations for 1998/99 taking into account the views and comments made during the Council's public consultation exercise.

Councillor Cree, seconded by Councillor Farrell, moved that the Committee:-

- (i) approve the savings and growth proposals and amendments detailed in the table in the report to align the Committee's Budget to the final financial

allocation approved by the Policy and Resources Committee on 23 February 1998; and

- (ii) to recommend adoption of the savings and growth proposals to the Policy and Resources Committee to be held on 4 March 1998.

Councillor McCredie, seconded by Councillor Brailsford, moved as an amendment that the Committee:

- (i) continue consideration of the revised savings and growth proposals detailed in the table in the report to align the Committee's budget to the final allocation approved by the Policy and Resources Committee of 23 February 1998 to the Special Meeting of the Council to be held on 5 March 1998; and
- (ii) otherwise, note the report

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

The meeting terminated at 1439 hours.