

APPENDIX III**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL****DECENTRALISATION SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE POLICY AND RESOURCES
COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 23 APRIL 1996 AT 1000 HOURS IN
THE MEETING ROOM, LONDON ROAD CENTRE, KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors David Fulton, Drew McIntyre, Wilma Doyle, Ronald Brailsford, Kathleen Hall, Robert Beattie, Kim Nicoll, James Kelly, Eric Jackson.

ATTENDING: David Montgomery, Chief Executive; Iain McLachlan, Director of Personnel Services; James Dickie, Director of Social Work; Barbara Haughan, Director of Support Services; Sue Angus, Depute Director of Education; Douglas Campbell, Head of Public Relations and Marketing; George Fraser, Senior Policy Officer, Development Services; Donald McVicar, Senior Administration Officer and Valerie Murdoch, Administrative Assistant.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Jane Darnbrough, David Sneller and Tommy Farrell.

CHAIR: Councillor David Fulton.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IN THE LOCAL COMMITTEE PROCESS

1. There was submitted a report dated 12 April 1996 (circulated) advising of the decisions taken by the Local Committee in respect of community involvement in the Local Committee process.

Councillor Fulton, seconded by Councillor McIntyre, moved:

- (i) to note the decisions taken by the Local Committees with regard to community involvement in the Local Committee process;
- (ii) to note that the Kilmarnock Central and Doon Valley Local Committees would give further consideration to the matter at their next meetings;
- (iii) to reject the request by the Northern Area Committee that it be permitted to extend the number of community representatives to eleven;
- (iv) to agree that there be no arrangements made for substitution for community members;
- (v) to note that the Director of Support Services had requested all organisations initially to provide details of their representatives by 23 April 1996 but in view of the timescale involved this had been extended to 30 April 1996 in order that the Director of Personnel could make appropriate arrangements for training sessions prior to the first full business meeting of each Local Committee; and
- (vi) to otherwise, note the report.

Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Brailsford moved as an amendment that there be arrangements made for the substitution of community members.

On a division by a show of hands the motion was carried by 6 votes to 3.

COMMUNITY FIRST UPDATE REPORT ON TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

2. There was submitted a report dated 12 April 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Personnel Services updating the Sub-Committee of the position in relation to the provision of training in respect of the implementation of the Council's Decentralisation Policy.

Councillor Brailsford left the meeting at this point prior to a decision being taken.

It was agreed to:

- (i) instruct the Director of Personnel Services to produce a report to include a menu of training opportunities for each Local Committee; and
- (ii) otherwise, note the report.

Councillor Brailsford joined the meeting at this point.

COMMUNITY WORK SUPPORT FOR LOCAL COMMITTEES

3. There was submitted a joint report dated 19 April 1996 (circulated) by the Directors of Social Work and Education advising the Sub-Committee of the arrangements which would be made for providing community work support to community and voluntary organisations participating in the Council's preliminary scheme for decentralisation.

It was agreed to note the arrangements made for the provision of community work support to assist local people to participate fully and become involved in the Council's decentralisation initiatives.

INFORMATION AND ADVICE SERVICES

4. There was submitted a report dated 16 April 1996 proposing arrangements for the Sub-Committee to undertake a programme of local visits and examinations with the appropriate Local Members/s and involving local consultation to determine how information and advice services might best be delivered in respect of those communities where there is not currently a Local Council Office.

Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Brailsford moved that the site visits to the communities of Crookedholm, Crosshouse, Dunlop, Fenwick, Gatehead, Kilmaurs, Knockentiber, Lugton, Moscow and Waterside (Northern Area) should take place prior to the end of the consultation process for the proposed school rationalisation.

Councillor Fulton, seconded by Councillor McIntyre moved as an amendment that the Chief Executive proceed with arrangements for visits and that they be made as follows:

- (i) Auchinleck;
- (ii) Bellsbank, Burnton, Dalrymple, Ochiltree, Patna, Rankinston, Sorn, Waterside (Doon Valley);

- (iii) Crookedholm, Crosshouse, Dunlop, Fenwick, Gatehead, Kilmaurs, Knockentiber, Lugton, Moscow, Waterside (Northern Area); and
- (iv) New Farm Loch, North West Kilmarnock, Shortlees.

On a division by a show of hands the amendment was carried by 6 votes to 3.

The Sub-Committee also agreed that the above visits be made by the following panels:

- (a) Auchinleck - Councillors David Fulton, Eric Jackson and James Kelly;
- (b) Bellsbank, Burnton, Dalrymple, Ochiltree, Patna, Rankinston, Sorn, Waterside (Doon Valley) - Councillors Drew McIntyre, Jane Darnbrough and one member of the opposition;
- (c) Crookedholm, Crosshouse, Dunlop, Fenwick, Gatehead, Kilmaurs, Knockentiber, Lugton, Moscow, Waterside (Northern Area) - Councillors Wilma Doyle, Robert Beattie and one member of the opposition; and
- (d) New Farm Loch, North West Kilmarnock, Shortlees - Councillors Tommy Farrell, David Sneller and one member of the opposition.

and that the first named Councillor on each panel lead and organise their respective panels and the panels would report to the Sub-Committee by its meeting of 3 September 1996.

LOCAL COMMITTEES - FORWARD PLANNING

5. There was submitted a report dated 19 April 1996 (circulated) by the Chief Executive recommending arrangements for forward planning in respect of the Agenda and timescales of Local Committee meetings.

The Sub-Committee agreed to:

- (i) a provisional forward planning programme; and
- (ii) receive a final forward planning programme for 1996/97 at the next meeting.

DECENTRALISATION - TIMETABLE AND AGENDA

6. There was submitted and noted a report dated 11 April 1996 (circulated) by the Chief Executive, outlining the agenda and timetable relative to the preliminary Decentralisation Scheme, for the year from April 1996 to April 1997.

The meeting terminated at 1055 hours.