

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 31 MARCH 1998 AT 1130 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors John Smith, Gordon McCredie, Drew McIntyre, Gordon Cree, Ronald Brailsford, Provost Robert Stirling, Councillors Jane Darnbrough, Ann Hay, David Fulton, David Macrae and Robert Taylor.

ATTENDING: Fiona Lees, Depute Chief Executive; William Stafford, Director of Community Services; Graham Haugh, Depute Director of Personnel Services; John Griffiths, Head of Leisure Services; Bill Walkinshaw, Principal Administrative Officer; and Ian Gemmell, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Alan Campbell, Kathleen Hall, Robert McDill and Tommy Farrell.

CHAIR: Councillor John Smith (Chair).

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

1. The Committee resolved that under Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, the Press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 6 of Schedule 7A to the Act.

TRANSFER OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE LEISURE MANAGEMENT CONTRACT AND CARETAKERS FROM THE COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT TO THE COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT (RECREATION SECTION)

2. There was submitted a joint report dated 5 March 1998 (circulated) by the Directors of Community Services, of Finance and of Personnel on the transfer of the Leisure Management Contract and various caretaking responsibilities from the Commercial Operations Department to the Community Services Department, and the steps necessary to integrate these services into the Recreation Section.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the action taken to progress the transfer of responsibility for the Leisure Management Contract and the Community Facility Caretakers from the Commercial Operations Department to the Recreation Section of the Community Services Department;
- (ii) that the Directors of Community Services and of Personnel Services address the management issues detailed in this report in consultation with the Trade Unions;
- (iii) that the Director of Community Services submit a report to a future meeting of the Community Services Committee in respect of the integrated service's first six months of operational experience;

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- (iv) to recommend to Council that the Scheme of Delegation be amended accordingly; and
- (v) otherwise to note the report.

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The meeting terminated at 1135 hours.