

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 27 MARCH 1998
AT 1130 HRS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS,
LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors David Sneller, Drew McIntyre, Irene Reeves, Ronald Brailsford, Jim O'Neill, Kathleen Hall, David Fulton, Kim Nicoll, Eric Ross, James Kelly and Eric Jackson.

ATTENDING: Fiona Lees, Depute Chief Executive; Margaret Burnell, Senior Depute Director of Education; Bernadette Docherty, Senior Depute Director of Social Work; Graham Short, Depute Director of Education; Roddy Wallace, Head of Administration; Kate McVey, Head of Legal Services; Ian Arnott, Chief Management Accountant; and Julie Armstrong, Senior Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Gordon McCredie, Douglas Reid, Wilma Doyle, Provost Robert Stirling, Councillors Daniel Coffey, George Turnbull, Jimmy Boyd and Tommy Farrell.

CHAIR: Councillor David Sneller, Chair.

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL'S CHILDREN'S SERVICE PLAN

1. There was submitted a joint report dated 24 March 1998 (circulated) by the Directors of Social Work and of Education which advised Members of the progress made in the preparation of the Children's Service Plan towards publication in April 1998 and which sought approval of the Plan as the basis for policy development within the Council.

It was agreed:

- (i) to approve the Children's Service Plan as a basis for future policy development and provision within the Council and refer it to relevant Service Committees of the Council for consideration of implementation arrangements in respect of the individual remits;
- (ii) that it be remitted to the Chief Executive and Director of Social Work to finalise the Children's Service Plan by making appropriate textual adjustments to the report;
- (iii) that a seminar on the Children's Service Plan be arranged for all Members in April 1998; and
- (iv) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

Councillors McIntyre and Brailsford joined the meeting during discussion on the above item.

POLICY AND RESOURCES GRANTS 1998/99

2.1 LOCAL COMMITTEE COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME

There was submitted a report dated 20 March 1998 (circulated) by the Chief Executive to propose an allocation of funding to Local Committees for the Local Committee Community Grants Scheme.

It was agreed:

- (i) to the allocation of Local Committee Community Grants funding as detailed below:

<u>Local Committee</u>	<u>1998/99</u>
Cumnock Area	£ 52,047
Doon Valley	£ 24,362
Irvine Valley	£ 32,668
Kilmarnock Central	£ 21,040
Kilmarnock North	£ 21,409
Kilmarnock South	£ 17,903
Northern Area	£ 15,134
Total	<u>£184,563</u> and

- (ii) to receive a further report at the next Policy and Resources Committee which would detail the individual Local Committee spend per issue/client group for 1997/98.

2.2 GRANTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES 1998/99

There was submitted a report dated 23 March 1998 (circulated) by the Chief Executive which proposed arrangements for the consideration of voluntary sector annual grants 1998/99 by the Policy and Resources Committee and which made specific recommendations with regard to certain awards which required to be considered as a matter of priority.

It was agreed:

- (i) the arrangements for consideration of voluntary sector grants for 1998/99;
- (ii) that in respect of the Peer Education Project and Young Mother's Project the budgets of £24,800 and £15,600 respectively remain within the Education Department and that this transfer of resources be made from the Policy and Resources Committee to the Education Committee remain;
- (iii) that a report be submitted to the next Education Committee on the expansion throughout East Ayrshire of the Peer Education Project and Young Mother's Project;
- (iv) that a grant of £18,000 be awarded to Bellsbank Women's Project and that Officers prepare, with the organisation, a service level agreement, the terms of which to be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee;
- (v) that a grant of £55,200 be awarded to the North West Kilmarnock Youth Project and that Officers prepare, with the organisation, a service level

agreement, the terms of which to be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee;

- (vi) to consider at the next meeting of the Committee applications for annual grants from those organisations detailed in Section 2 of the report; and
- (vii) otherwise to note the terms of the report.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

3. The 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 the paragraph of Schedule 7A of the Act as shown against each item.

TRANSFER OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR PUBLIC RELATIONS FUNCTION FROM THE SUPPORT SERVICES DEPARTMENT TO THE DEPUTE CHIEF EXECUTIVE (PARA 1) (Item 1, Page 2907)

4. There was submitted a joint report dated 20 March 1998 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive, Directors of Support Services, of Finance and of Personnel Services on the transfer of the Public Relations function from the Support Services Department to the Depute Chief Executive.

It was agreed:

- (i) to note the action taken to progress the transfer of responsibility for the Public Relations function from the Support Services Department to the Depute Chief Executive;
- (ii) to note that additional budget provision of £6,000 for central support will transfer from Support Services Department together with the direct budget for the Public Relations and Marketing Section in connection with the transfer of responsibilities;
- (iii) that the Depute Chief Executive submit a further report to a future meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee in respect of the Section's first six months of operational experience;
- (iv) to recommend to Council that the Scheme of Delegation be amended accordingly; and
- (v) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

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KILMARNOCK AND LOUDOUN UNEMPLOYED WORKERS RESOURCE AND EDUCATION CENTRE - REDUNDANCY COSTS AND PREPARATION OF ACCOUNTS (PARA 6) (Item 12, Page 2935)

5. There was submitted a report dated 25 March 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services on a request from the Kilmarnock and Loudoun Unemployed Workers Resource and Education Centre for the Council to provide additional resources to assist in the funding of the Centre's redundancy costs etc as a result of the recent Council decision to discontinue funding to the Centre.

It was agreed:

- (i) that an additional grant of £2,552.64 be provided to the Kilmarnock and Loudoun Unemployed Workers Resource and Education Centre to assist in the funding of the redundancy costs; and
- (ii) that it be remitted to the Director of Finance to take the necessary action to prepare the Centre's accounts as requested.

The meeting terminated at 1200 hrs.