

APPENDIX VI**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL****DECENTRALISATION SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 12 APRIL 1999 AT 1400 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors David Fulton, Ann Hay, Robert McDill, David Sneller, Tommy Farrell and Eric Jackson.

ATTENDING: David Montgomery, Chief Executive; Roddy Wallace, Head of Administration; Bill Walkinshaw, Principal Administrative Officer; and Robert Beaton, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Drew McIntyre, Wilma Doyle, Jane Darnbrough, Kathleen Hall, Kim Nicoll and James Kelly.

CHAIR: Councillor David Fulton, Chair.

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1. There was submitted a report dated 7 April 1999 (circulated) by the Chief Executive which reported the findings of the Panel of Elected Members established to review the operation of the Council’s Decentralisation Scheme and which sought authority to make revisions to the Scheme as appropriate.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the findings of the Elected Member Panel and to recommend to the Policy and Resources Committee those changes to the Scheme proposed within Section 5 of the report and that they be now implemented by the Chief Executive in conjunction with other Officers, along with the changes which arose from the Annual Seminar of Community Representatives as previously agreed;
- C (ii) to recommend that the Chair of the Decentralisation Sub-Committee be appointed to act as a Member of a Local Committee for the purposes of ensuring that meetings take place in relation to a quorum being available; C
- (iii) that the Local Committee Guide be updated to incorporate all agreed changes to the Council’s Decentralisation Scheme;
- (iv) to recommend to the Policy and Resources Committee that the Chief Executive write to the Commission on Local Government to convey to the Scottish Parliament to consider giving Local Authorities the option, if they wish to exercise, the opportunity to extend the voting rights of non-elected representatives on Council Committees beyond the present legislative restriction of one third of the membership; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the terms of the report.

The meeting terminated at 1450 hours.