

APPENDIX VI

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

**MEMBERS' SERVICES AND CIVIC CEREMONIAL SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE
POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 4 MARCH 1999 AT 0930 HOURS
IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD,
KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Tommy Farrell (Chair), David Sneller and James Boyd.

ATTENDING: David Montgomery, Chief Executive; Fiona Lees, Depute Chief Executive; Alex McPhee, Director of Finance; Douglas Bulloch, Director of Social Work; Sue Blake, Depute Director of Education; Ken Robinson, Principal Administrative Officer and Anne Fairbairn, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillor Drew McIntyre, Provost Robert Stirling and Councillor Daniel Coffey.

CONFERENCES/COURSES BUDGETARY UPDATE

1. There was submitted the Conferences and Courses Budgetary Update advising that £376.66 remained.

CONFERENCES/COURSES

- 2.1 **MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE NEW SCOTLAND: A PRIORITY FOR INCLUSION ? - 16-17 MARCH 1999 AT PAISLEY**

There was submitted a report dated 24 February 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work requesting the Sub-Committee to consider representation at the Scottish Development Centre for Mental Health Services Conference.

It was agreed not to be represented at the conference.

- 2.2 **CoSLA ANNUAL CONFERENCE - THE SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT - THE ESSENTIAL PARTNERSHIP - 24-26 MARCH 1999, EDINBURGH**

There was submitted a report dated 3 February 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services advising the Sub-Committee of the CoSLA Annual Conference and requesting that the Council be represented.

It was agreed to authorise attendance at the above conference by two members of the Administration and one of the opposition, if available, the names to be notified to the Chief Executive as soon as possible.

- 2.3 **SCOTTISH HOUSING AND PLANNING COUNCIL ANNUAL CONFERENCE - 24-26 MARCH 1999, PEEBLES**

There was submitted a report dated 11 February 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Development Services requesting that the Sub-Committee consider being represented at this annual conference.

It was agreed to authorise attendance at the above conference by one member of the Administration, if available, the name to be notified to the Chief Executive as soon as possible.

2.4 CIPFA SCOTTISH BRANCH CONFERENCE AND EXHIBITION - 8-9 APRIL 1999 AT THE GLENEAGLES HOTEL, PERTHSHIRE

There was submitted a report dated 25 February 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Finance requesting that the Sub-Committee consider being represented at this conference.

It was agreed that there would be no member attendance.

2.5 2ND ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE PRACTITIONERS UPDATE - BEST VALUE IN SCOTLAND CONFERENCE - 13 APRIL 1999, EDINBURGH

There was submitted a report dated 15 February 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services advising the Sub-Committee of the 2nd Annual Comprehensive Practitioners Update and recommending that the Council consider being represented at this conference.

It was agreed not to be represented at the conference.

2.6 OPPORTUNITIES FOR PFI IN SCOTLAND CONFERENCE - 14 APRIL 1999, EDINBURGH

There was submitted a report dated 15 February 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services advising the Sub-Committee of the conference Opportunities for PFI in Scotland and requesting that the council consider being represented at this conference.

It was agreed not to be represented at the conference.

2.7 ASSOCIATION OF DIRECTORS OF SOCIAL WORK (ADSW) ANNUAL CONFERENCE - "NEW VISIONS FOR A NEW CENTURY - SCOTLAND AND BEYOND" - 13-16 APRIL 1999, DUNBLANE

There was submitted a report dated 24 February 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work proposing that East Ayrshire Council be represented at the annual conference.

It was agreed to authorise attendance at the above conference by one member of the Administration, if available, the name to be notified to the Chief Executive as soon as possible.

2.8 CHARTERED INSTITUTE OF HOUSING CONFERENCE - 21-25 JUNE 1999, HARROGATE

There was submitted a report dated 12 February 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Housing advising members of the Sub-Committee of the annual conference of the Chartered Institute of Housing.

It was agreed to authorise attendance at the above conference by one member of the Administration, if available, the name to be notified to the Chief Executive as soon as possible.

CIVIC CEREMONIAL BUDGETARY UPDATE

3. There was submitted the Civic Ceremonial Budgetary Update advising that £5,157.93 remained.

The Sub-Committee noted that it was proposed that the Director of Finance in terms of his delegated powers would vire £2,500 from the Civic Ceremonial budget to the Conferences and Courses budget to offset the shortfall.

APPLICATION FOR CIVIC HOSPITALITY

4.1 AUCHINLECK ACADEMY

There was submitted an application dated 21 January 1999 (circulated) requesting hospitality in respect of a group of pupils from Bremen High School, Atlanta, Georgia, USA who are visiting Auchinleck Academy as part of an Achievers International Project which is designed to promote enterprise within Education.

It was agreed to contribute approximately £80 towards the cost of this civic welcome.

4.2 ROYAL NATIONAL LIFEBOAT INSTITUTION

It was agreed that this item be withdrawn from the agenda.

MEMBERS ALLOWANCES AND EXPENSES

5. There was submitted a report dated 17 February 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Finance advising Members of increases in Members' Allowances by the Secretary of State and the proposed changes to the Council's Scheme for Members Allowances and Expenses.

Following discussion it was agreed to recommend to Council:-

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| C | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) that a second sentence reading "Fully completed forms would be necessary before payment is made" be incorporated in section 5.1 of the report; (ii) approval of the changes to the scheme wording as outlined in Section 4 of the report; (iii) agreement of the changes in procedures outlined in Section 5 of the report; (iv) to monitor the Council's Scheme for Members' Allowances and Expenses and review after 3 months; and (v) otherwise to note the content of the report. | C |
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The meeting terminated at 1000 hours.