

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL****POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 29 APRIL 1999 AT 1000 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

**PRESENT:** Councillors David Sneller, Jim O'Neill, Ann Hay, Daniel Coffey, David Fulton, Eric Ross, Jim Kelly, Jimmy Boyd, John Smith and Eric Jackson.

**ATTENDING:** David Montgomery, Chief Executive; William Stafford, Director of Community Services; James Lavery, Director of Homes and Technical Services; Kate McVey, Solicitor to the Council; Sue Blake, Depute Director of Education; Mary Fegan, Depute Director of Social Work; Iain McLachlan, Executive Director; Tom Wilkie, Head of Technical Services; Tom McHugh, Head of Accounting Services; Robin Gourlay, Contracts Manager; and Julie Armstrong, Senior Administrative Officer.

**APOLOGIES:** Councillor Douglas Reid, Provost Robert Stirling and Councillors Kathleen Hall, George Turnbull, Robert McDill and Tommy Farrell.

**CHAIR:** Councillor David Sneller, Chair.

**EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

1. 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.

**FENCE, RAIL AND BALUSTRADE WORK CONTRACT: EAST AYRSHIRE WIDE (PARA 9)**

2. There was submitted a report dated 20 April 1999 (circulated) by the Chief Executive on the outcome of the tendering process in respect of the above contract.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the discontinuation of the current tendering exercise and authorise the Director of Homes and Technical Services to investigate and ascertain the requirements of the Council and undertake a fresh tendering exercise which would accurately reflect the relevant circumstances;
- (ii) to approve a further extension to the current contract with John Gilmour and Co. to cover the period until a new tendering exercise was successfully concluded; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

**DSO BUSINESS PLANS (PARA 6) (Item 4, Page 4545)**

3. It having been explained that arrangements had been made for the consideration of this item at the Special Ad-Hoc Commercial Strategy Review Committee to be held later that day, it was noted that this item had been withdrawn from the Agenda.

**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SITE SERVICE BUSINESS PLAN 1999/2000  
(PARA 6) (Item 7, Page 4546)**

4. It having been explained that arrangements had been made for the consideration of this item at the Special Ad-Hoc Commercial Strategy Review Committee to be held later that day, it was noted that this item had been withdrawn from the Agenda.

**BUILDING MAINTENANCE MULTI TRADE TERM CONTRACTS: KILMARNOCK  
SOUTH AND DOON VALLEY (PARA 9), (Item 9, Page 4523)**

5. There was submitted a report dated 27 April 1999 (circulated) by the Chief Executive which advised Members on developments in respect of the contract award for the above contracts.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the withdrawal of the preferred bidder being Messrs Watson Building Services; and
- (ii) approve the action taken by the Tender Evaluation Panel.

The meeting terminated at 1017 hours.