

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**EDUCATION COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 25 FEBRUARY 1999
AT 0917 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS,
LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Tommy Farrell, Drew McIntyre, Gordon Cree, Douglas Reid, Alan Campbell, John Knapp, Daniel Coffey, David Fulton, Kim Nicoll, David Sneller, George Smith, Eric Jackson; John Patterson and Matthew Sullivan, Church Representative and Iain Harvey, Teacher Representative.

ATTENDING: Fiona Lees, Depute Chief Executive; John Mulgrew, Director of Education; Margaret Burnell, Senior Depute Director of Education; Sue Blake, Depute Director of Education; Euan Couperwhite, Financial Services Manager; Paul Whip, Senior Accountant and Anne Marie Carr, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillor Gordon McCredie; Ann Hay; George Turnbull; John McHugh, Church Representative and Andrew Torrance, Parent Representative.

CHAIR: Councillor Tommy Farrell, Chair.

DRAFT ESTIMATES 1999/2000 - GENERAL SERVICES**1.1 FINANCIAL REPORT (Item 1, Page 4244)**

There was submitted and noted a report dated 16 February 1999 (circulated with the Agenda for the Special Policy and Resources Committee of 19 February 1999) by the Director of Finance which had advised the Policy and Resources Committee of the position with regard to the General Services Revenue Budget for 1999/2000, and which had recommended that the Policy and Resources Committee determine final allocations for each of the Service Committees and which had requested those Committees to finalise savings and growth packages to align service delivery plans with the financial allocations for 1999/2000, having taken into account the views and comments made during the Council's public consultation exercise.

**REMIT FROM THE SPECIAL POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE OF 19
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2. There was submitted and noted remit (Minute excerpt circulated) from the Special Policy and Resources Committee of 19 February 1999 which asked that the Education Committee finalise savings and growth packages for the Education Service to align service delivery plans with the final financial allocations for 1999/2000 as determined by the Special Policy and Resources Committee at its meeting on 19 February 1999.

REVENUE BUDGET FOR 1999/2000

3. There was submitted a report dated 19 February 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Education which detailed a package of measures to align the service delivery plans with the final financial allocations for 1999/2000 having taken into account the views and comments made during the Council's public consultation exercise.

Councillor Farrell, seconded by Councillor Jackson, moved:-

- (i) to approve the savings and growth proposals and amendments detailed in the table appended to the report to the approved CCLS (Cost of Current Level of Service) Budget to align the Education Committee budget to the final financial allocation approved by the Policy and Resources Committee of 19 February 1999;
- (ii) to recommend the adoption of the savings and growth proposals to the Special Policy and Resources Committee to be held on 3 March 1999; and
- (iii) to agree the termination of the present charging policy for sessional places for three year old and under from 1 April 1999, subject to the confirmation of the Education Department budget by the Council.

Councillor Nicoll seconded by Councillor Coffey moved as an amendment:-

- (i) to note the savings and growth proposals and amendments detailed in the attached table to the approved CCLS (Cost of Current Level of Service) budget to align the Committee budget to the final financial allocation approved by the Policy and Resources Committee of 19 February 1999;
- (ii) to recommend that consideration of the savings and growth proposals be continued to the Special Policy and Resources Committee to be held on 3 March 1999; and
- (iii) to agree to the termination of the present charging policy for sessional places for three year old and under from 1 April 1999, subject to the confirmation of the Education Department budget by the Council.

On a division by a show of hands the motion was carried by 8 votes to 4.

The meeting terminated at 0921 hours.