

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**HOUSING COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 9 FEBRUARY 1999 AT 1000 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Jim Kelly, Drew McIntyre, Gordon Cree, Wilma Doyle, Kathleen Hall, David Macrae, Robert McDill, David Sneller, George Smith and Jim Carmichael.

ATTENDING: David Montgomery, Chief Executive; Fiona Lees, Depute Chief Executive; Kate McVey, Solicitor to the Council; Alex McPhee, Director of Finance; John Hillis, Director of Housing; Douglas Campbell, Head of Public Relations and Marketing; Julie Armstrong, Senior Administrative Officer; and Stuart Nelson, Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: James Lavery, Director of Homes and Technical Services Designate.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Gordon McCredie, Douglas Reid, Provost Robert Stirling, and Councillors Alan Campbell, John Knapp, David Fulton, Kim Nicoll and Tommy Farrell.

CHAIR: Councillor Jim Kelly, Chair.

CHAIR'S REMARKS

1. The Chair introduced, and welcomed to the meeting, James Lavery, Director of Homes and Technical Services Designate.

HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT 1999/2000: DRAFT ESTIMATES

2. There was submitted a joint report dated 4 February 1999 (circulated) by the Directors of Housing and of Finance which (a) advised of, and sought approval to, the proposed Housing Revenue Estimates 1999/2000; and (b) requested the Committee to make a recommendation to the Policy and Resources Committee on the level at which house rents would be levied for the financial year 1999/2000.

Councillor Sneller, seconded by Councillor Macrae, moved that the Committee:-

- (a) recommend to the Special Policy and Resources Committee, to be held later that day:-
 - (i) approval of the Draft Estimates for the Housing Revenue Account 1999/2000, as outlined in Section 4 of the report; and
 - (ii) approval of a flat rate increase in all house rents of £1.00, together with an additional increase of £0.87 for houses in the North of East Ayrshire in terms of the agreement pertaining to the harmonisation of rent levels; and
- (b) otherwise note the terms of the report.

Councillor McDill, seconded by Councillor Hall, moved as an amendment that consideration of the Draft Estimates for the Housing Revenue Account for 1999/2000 and the level at which house rents would be levied be continued to the Special Council Meeting to be held on Thursday 11 February 1999.

On a division by a show of hands, the motion was carried by eight votes to two.

The meeting terminated at 1009 hours.