

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

SPECIAL AD HOC COMMERCIAL STRATEGY REVIEW COMMITTEE

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 9 OCTOBER 1998 AT 1430 HRS
IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS,
LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors David Sneller, Gordon Cree, Jane Darnbrough, Tommy Farrell and Eric Jackson.

ATTENDING: David Montgomery, Chief Executive; William Taylor, Acting Director of Commercial Operations; Alex McPhee, Acting Director of Finance; Chris McAleavey, Senior Depute Director of Housing; Tom Wilkie, Head of Contracting and Technical Services; Kate McVey, Head of Legal Services; Douglas Campbell, Head of Public Relations and Marketing; Martin O'Rourke, Senior Planning Officer; and James Lally, Senior Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Drew McIntyre and David Macrae.

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 item of business on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the paragraph 6 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE SERVICE DELIVERY ACTION PLAN

2. There was submitted report dated 8 October 1998 by the Chief Executive seeking approval of the Building and Maintenance Service Delivery Action Plan for submission to the Secretary of State, together with an amended page 22 of the Building and Maintenance Service Delivery Action Plan, which showed a change to the table contained within paragraph 4.2.3 where the projected out-turn for 1998/99 should have been shown as a profit of £229,000 (both circulated).

Having noted that package 4 included in error on page 13 of the Building and Maintenance Service Delivery Action Plan would be deleted, it was agreed:

- (i) to approve the Building and Maintenance Service Delivery Action Plan as appended to the report;
- (ii) that the Building and Maintenance Service Delivery Action Plan be submitted to the Secretary of State as the Council's response to the Direction with regard to Building and Maintenance Services; and
- (iii) that the Chief Executive be authorised to request that the Secretary of State rescind the Direction.

CHAIR'S REMARKS

3. Councillor Sneller took the opportunity to thank all staff who had assisted in responding to the Secretary of State's Direction and extended the appreciation of the Council for their efforts over this difficult period.

The meeting terminated at 1455 hrs.