

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 14 November 1995, at 10.00 am in the London Road Centre, Kilmarnock.

PRESENT: Councillors J Carmichael (Chair), A Campbell, K Hall, E Jackson, J Knapp, A McIntyre, J Smith, D Sneller and R Taylor.

ATTENDING: D Tierney, Director of Commercial Operations; W McKenzie, Senior Depute Director; R Gourlay, Depute Director; D Campbell, Head of Public Relations and Marketing; and A Fairbairn and J Adams, Chief Executive's Department.

APOLOGIES: Councillors T Farrell, G McCredie, J O'Neill and R Stirling.

**1. MINUTES OF COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE OF
3 OCTOBER 1995**

The minutes of the Commercial Operations Committee of 3 October 1995, were submitted and noted.

**2. ASSOCIATION OF DIRECT LABOUR ORGANISATIONS
PRESENTED BY MR ANDREW KERR, SCOTTISH SECRETARY, ALDO.**

Mr Andrew Kerr, Scottish Secretary, accompanied by Mr Paul O'Brien, Scottish Secretariat, ADLO gave a short presentation on the history of Direct Labour Organisations and the effects that Compulsory Competitive Tendering has had upon them. The presentation also outlined the role of ADLO, the Association's aims and objectives and the benefits that are gained from membership. The presentation concluded with a question and answer session.

**3. CONSULTATION PAPER - GUIDANCE ON THE CONDUCT OF
COMPULSORY COMPETITIVE TENDERING**

There was submitted a report (issued) by the Director of Commercial Operations advising the Committee of the issuing of the above consultation paper.

After hearing the Director of Commercial Operations outline certain of the issues contained within the consultation paper, it was agreed to:

- (a) endorse the views contained within the report; and
- (b) remit the report to the Policy and Resources Committee.

4. DECENTRALISATION PROPOSALS

There was submitted a report (issued) by the Director of Commercial Operations in response to the requirement of the Policy and Resources Committee that "all service committees be asked to draw up proposals for the decentralised operation of their services", detailing a response to these requirements.

After hearing the Director of Commercial Operations outline certain of the issues contained within the report, it was agreed to:

- (a) approve the initial response of the Department to the decentralisation proposals; and
- (b) refer the report to the Policy and Resources (Decentralisation) Sub-Committee.

5. PROGRESS REPORT ON CLYDE PREMIUM UNIT AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SOUTH WEST ALL-PURPOSE NETWORK

There was submitted a report (issued) by the Director of Commercial Operations detailing progress on the tendering procedures for the Clyde Premium and the South West All-Purpose Network.

After hearing the Director of Commercial Operations outline issues contained within the report, it was agreed:

- (a) to note the progress on the submission of a tender bid for the Clyde premium network; and
- (b) that the Council should enter into an Agency Agreement with the Secretary of State to deliver routine and winter maintenance service for the 'All-Purpose' trunk roads within East Ayrshire.

6. SCHOOL CROSSING PATROLS

There was submitted a report prepared by the Director of Commercial Operations and the Director of Development Services indicating proposals for managing the school crossing patrol service in East Ayrshire. The control of this service having recently been transferred from Strathclyde Police to the Strathclyde Roads Department.

After hearing the Director of Commercial Operations outline issues contained within the report, it was agreed to request the Director of Commercial Operations, together with the Head of Roads, to draw up detailed management and operational proposals for consideration by the Committee prior to 31 March 1996.

7. BRIEFINGS FOR COUNCILLORS

There was submitted a report prepared by the Director of Commercial Operations giving the up-to-date position with regard to a series of briefing seminars which have been arranged for members.

The Director of Commercial Operations informed the members that alternative dates would have to be found in place of the dates previously arranged for Monday 27 November, and Monday 11 December, and members would be informed of the rescheduled briefing sessions as soon as they have been arranged.

The Chair then emphasised the importance of attending the seminars and urged members to attend at least one briefing seminar.

Following members' questions, it was agreed to otherwise approve the arrangements outlined for the seminar programme.

8. PREPARATION OF DE MINIMUS WORK FOR 1 APRIL 1996

There was submitted a report (issued) by the Director of Commercial Operations notifying the Committee of procedures which require to be carried out prior to April 1996 under the Local Government (Exemption From Competition) (Scotland) Order 1995.

After hearing the Director of Commercial Operations outline issues contained within the report, it was agreed to note the contents.