

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL****POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 7 OCTOBER 1999 AT  
1100 HRS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS,  
LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Drew McIntyre, Stephanie Young, Daniel Coffey, Douglas Reid, John Weir, David Macrae, Harry Wilson, Jane Darnbrough, John Knapp, Finlay MacLean, Robert McDill, Eric Jackson, Jimmy Kelly, Tommy Farrell, Provost Boyd and Councillors Eric Ross, Elaine Dinwoodie and Robert Taylor.

**ATTENDING:** David Montgomery, Chief Executive; Fiona Lees, Depute Chief Executive; William Stafford, Director of Community Services; Barbara Haughan, Director of Corporate Services; John Mulgrew, Director of Education; Alex McPhee, Director of Finance; James Lavery, Director of Homes and Technical Services; Douglas Bulloch, Director of Social Work; Kate McVey, Solicitor to the Council; Tom McHugh, Head of Accounting Service; Roddy Wallace, Head of Administration; Bill Taylor, Head of Roads and Transportation; Ian Arnott, Corporate Accounting Manager; Graham Kerr, Publicity Officer; and Julie Armstrong, Senior Administrative Officer.

**CHAIR:** Councillor Drew McIntyre, Chair.

**REVIEW OF 1999/2000 GENERAL SERVICES REVENUE BUDGET**

1. There was submitted a report dated 29 September 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Finance on the issues arising from a review of the 1999/2000 General Services Revenue Budget and which proposed a strategy to address them.

It was agreed:

- (i) to approve the adjustments to Departmental budgets to take account of pressures indicated in the report and in line with the efficiency targets shown at paragraph 3.1.6 of the report;
- (ii) that Directors take all opportunities to reduce expenditure further without cutting across existing Council policies within which Services operate; and
- (iii) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

Councillor Reid joined the meeting during discussion of the above item.

**REVIEW OF 1999/2000 HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT**

2. There was submitted a report dated 29 September 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Finance on the issues arising from a review of the 1999/2000 Housing Revenue Account and which proposed a strategy to address them.

It was agreed:

- (i) to note that action would be taken to reduce the deficit to £0.742m by 31 March 2000;

- (ii) that the Director of Homes and Technical Services take all opportunities to reduce expenditure further without cutting across existing Council policies within which Services operate; and
- (iii) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

The meeting terminated at 1135 hrs.