

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

EMERGENCY POWERS COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 12 AUGUST 1999 AT 1600 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK

PRESENT: Councillors Drew McIntyre, Harry Wilson, Eric Jackson, Jimmy Kelly and Provost Jimmy Boyd.

ATTENDING: David Montgomery, Chief Executive; James Lavery, Director of Homes and Technical Services; Kate McVey, Solicitor to Council; John Stobie, Head of Building and Works; Graham Haugh, Head of Personnel; and Julie Armstrong, Senior Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Daniel Coffey and Douglas Reid.

CHAIR: Councillor Drew McIntyre, 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 Paragraph 6 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

BUILDING AND WORKS DIRECT LABOUR ORGANISATION - SUMMARY BUSINESS PLAN

2. There was submitted a report dated 9 August 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Homes and Technical Services on the necessary action required following the acceptance of revised working Terms and Conditions and new bonus target times by Building and Works operatives and to put forward proposals for a summary Business Plan for the remainder of the financial year.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the summary Business Plan accepting that this would be set out in more detail for the Housing Committee on 25 August 1999; and
- (ii) to approve an approach to the Scottish Office seeking a variation to their current Direction in respect of allowing the DLO to undertake capital work at private sector benchmark prices normally of a project value of around £100,000 but in any event not exceeding an annual total value of £2 million and that they also allow the deferring of the start of the new contracts for one further month at the request of the private contractor involved.

The meeting terminated at 1620 hours.