

North Ayrshire Council  
20 May 1999

**Irvine, 20 May 1999** - Minutes of the Adjourned Statutory Meeting of North Ayrshire Council held in the Council Chambers, Cunninghame House, Irvine on Thursday 20 May 1999 at 6.30 p.m.

**Present**

Samuel Taylor, Jane Gorman, Thomas Barr, John Bell, Jacqueline Browne, Jack Carson, Gordon Clarkson, Ian Clarkson, Stewart Dewar, John Donn, David Gallagher, Samuel Gooding, Elliot Gray, Alan Hill, James Jennings, Margaret McDougall, Elizabeth McLardy, Joseph McKinney, Peter McNamara, Elisabeth Marshall, John Moffat, David Munn, Margaret Munn, Alan Munro, David O'Neill, Robert Rae, John Sillars and Richard Wilkinson.

**In Attendance**

B Devine, Chief Executive; G Irving, Corporate Director (Social Services); J Travers, Corporate Director (Educational Services); T Orr, Corporate Director (Property Services); JM Macfarlane, Assistant Chief Executive (Personnel), IT Mackay, Assistant Chief Executive (Legal & Regulatory); D Addison, Head of Revenue Services (Finance); and G Lawson, Principal Policy Officer (Chief Executive's).

**Chair**

Mr. Taylor in the Chair.

**Apologies for Absence**

John Reid and Robert Reilly.

**1. Options for Political Management Structures**

The Leader of the Council reported on the proposed Political Management Structures for the operation of North Ayrshire Council.

The proposal would allow the Committees of the Council to be established to reflect the new management structures of the Council and would also give the Council scope to make changes to its political structures, should it wish to do so, to meet further challenges such as the recommendations of the McIntosh Commission on Local Government and the Scottish Parliament.

The Leader therefore recommended that the following political management structure be adopted:-

**(a) Services**

That there be four Committees dealing with the services of the Council, namely:-

Educational Services Committee;

Social Services Committee;

Property Services Committee; and

Corporate Services Committee.

**(b) Executive**

As the Service Committees would not have authority delegated to them that an Executive and Ratification Committee be established which would meet on the week following each of the Committees and which would consider and approve, or otherwise, the decisions of the Committees.

**(c) Planning and Regulatory Services**

That a Sub-Committee of the Corporate Services Committee be established which would consider Planning, Licensing and Regulatory matters. The Sub-Committee, which would be known as the Planning and Regulatory Sub-Committee, would require authority to approve certain matters of a quasi-judicial nature with remaining matters being referred to the Executive and Ratification Committee for approval.

**(d) Policy**

That there be a Corporate Policy Committee which would cover all policy and strategic matters, and whose decisions would be ratified at the Council meeting.

**(e) Divisional**

That there be three Divisional Committees to cover (a) Irvine, Kilwinning, Dreghorn and Springside; (b) the Three Towns and Arran; and (c) the Garnock Valley, North Coast and Cumbrae whose decisions would be ratified by the Corporate Policy Committee.

The Leader gave details of the numbers of Members to serve on each of these Committees and provided the names of those Members who would represent the Majority Group.

Thereafter, Mr. O'Neill, seconded by Mr. Gallagher, moved that the Council adopt the Political Management Structures as reported.

As an amendment, Mr. Wilkinson, seconded by Mrs. Marshall, moved adoption of the proposals on the Political Management Structures with the exception of that part relating to the Divisional Committees whereby he moved that the composition of and name of these Committees should mirror that of the previous administration, i.e. that there be five Area Committees covering (a) Kilwinning, Dreghorn and Springside; (b) Irvine; (c) the Three Towns; (d) the Garnock Valley; and (e) the North Coast areas.

On a division, there voted for the amendment 5 and the motion 23, and the motion was declared carried.

The Council further agreed that the Members of the Minority Groups and the Independent Candidate pass details of what their agreed membership would be to serve on the Committees, as approved, to the Chief Executive by noon on 25 May.

**2. Appointment to Outside Bodies**

The Council agreed to continue consideration of this item to an Adjourned Meeting of the Council to be held on 25 May 1999 at 2.00 p.m.

The meeting ended at 6.45 p.m.

