

Corporate Strategy Committee  
30 July 1996

**Irvine, 30 July 1996** - At a Meeting of the Corporate Strategy Committee of North Ayrshire Council at 2.00 p.m.

**Present**

James Clements, Patrick Browne, Jack Carson, Ian Clarkson, John Donn, David Gallagher, Samuel Gooding, James Jennings, Joseph McKinney, Thomas Morris, David O'Neill, Robert Reilly, John Sillars and Samuel Taylor.

**In Attendance**

The Chief Executive, The Director of Financial Services, The Head of Corporate Business, The Principal Officer (Marketing and Publicity), J Bannatyne an Administration Officer and C Graham an Assistant Administration Officer.

**Chair**

Mr Clements in the Chair.

**Apologies for Absence**

Stewart Dewar, Thomas Dickie, Robert Rae and George Steven.

**1. Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meetings of the Committee held on 9 May, 21 May and 24 June 1996, copies of which had previously been circulated, were confirmed.

**2. Capital Programme: Update**

**(a) Receipts**

**(i) Largs: Irvine Road: Goods Yard Site**

Submitted report by the Legal Services Manager on the proposed sale of the Goods Yard Site, Irvine Road Largs, to Safeway Stores Plc.

The Committee agreed, subject to the provision on site by Safeway Stores Plc of car parking which is accessible to the public, to authorise the sale of the Goods Yard Site, Irvine Road, Largs to Safeway Stores Plc at a price of £2.5m and on terms and conditions to be agreed by the Principal Estates Officer.

**(ii) Irvine: Petrol Filling Station at Littlestone Road**

Submitted report by the Legal Services Manager on negotiations for the sale of land to Gulf Oil (GB) Limited for a Petrol Filling Station site at Littlestone Road, Irvine.

The Committee agreed, subject to Planning Permission being obtained and to other terms and conditions to be agreed by the Principal Estates Officer, to authorise disposal by sale of land at Littlestone Road Irvine, to Gulf Oil (GB) Limited at a price of £200,000.

**(iii) Irvine: Site at Kilwinning Road**

Submitted report by the Legal Services Manager on the proposed sale of 1.204 hectares of land to Acre Developments Limited for residential development.

The Committee agreed, subject to the provisionally agreed terms including the Developer obtaining all relevant permissions including Planning Permission, to authorise the disposal of the 1.204 hectare site to Acre Developments Limited for residential development at a price of £400,000.

**(b) Capital Budget 1996/97: Review**

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on a proposed review of the Capital Budget for 1996/97 as a result of anticipated revised Capital Receipts of approximately £1m.

The Committee agreed (i) to note that the potential Capital Receipts provide the opportunity to allow additional projects to be included in the Capital Programme for 1996/97; and (ii) that the Director of Financial Services submit a report to a Special Meeting of the Corporate Strategy Committee outlining priorities for possible projects proposed by the Directors of the various services.

**(c) Housing Action Area Programme**

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on proposals for additional Housing Action Areas for improvement.

The Committee agreed to refer the report to a Special Meeting of the Corporate Strategy Committee for further consideration.

**3. Disaggregation of Property**

**(a) Disaggregation of former Strathclyde Regional Council property in North, East and South Ayrshire**

Submitted report by the Legal Services Manager on a proposed Scheme of Disaggregation of former Strathclyde Regional Council property in North, East and South Ayrshire.

On the basis of the analysis of the asset values of the properties covered by the disaggregation proposal monies are due to both North and East Ayrshire Councils by South Ayrshire Council. It has been proposed that disposal of Strathclyde Regional Council's Finance Department office and surplus Social Work property at St Leonard's Road, Ayr will realise a Capital Receipt in the current financial year to be split equally between North and East Ayrshire Councils. In exchange for agreement to the overall disaggregation proposal and the allocation of a Capital Receipt from the disposal at St. Leonard's Road Ayr, each Council shall waive any and all claims against the others' property.

The Committee agreed (i) to the disaggregation of the ownership of property as proposed by the Ayrshire Property Forum in the terms indicated in the report; and (ii) to instruct the Chief Executive to advise East and South Ayrshire Councils of North Ayrshire Council's agreement to the disaggregation scheme.

**(b) Local Authorities (Property Transfer) Order 1995: Withdrawal of Referrals to Property Commission**

Submitted report by the Legal Services Manager on the proposed withdrawal of referrals to the Property Commission of claims by North Ayrshire Council against properties held by other Unitary Authorities.

The Committee agreed (i) to the withdrawal of referrals to the Property Commission in respect of all properties with the exception of (A) those referred to in the report on the proposed scheme of disposal of former Strathclyde Regional Council Headquarters property in Glasgow as approved by the Corporate Strategy Committee on 21 May 1996; (B) those referred to at Item 3(a) above; and (C) the Caird Centre, Caird Street Hamilton; and (ii) to instruct the Chief Executive to advise the

other Authorities and the Property Commission of North Ayrshire Council's decision.

#### **4. Support for Information and Advice Centres in North Ayrshire**

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on the provision within North Ayrshire, of Information and Advice Centres relating to welfare benefits, money advice and client representation.

The Social Work Committee on 6 March 1996 remitted to the Corporate Strategy Committee consideration of grant aid to Information and Advice Centres. There are a range of Information And Advice services available to the public within North Ayrshire consisting of a combination of a statutory and voluntary nature. It is recognised that local voluntary organisations play a vital role in the provision of these services. The report detailed the general advice services available in relation to welfare benefits, money advice and debt counselling and representation of clients in matters such as redundancy tribunal, advocacy etc. Details were also given of the relevant Information And Advice projects and services together with their sources of funding.

North Ayrshire Council also provide funding to services outwith the area who provide vital resource material and back-up services. In the current financial year the Council has approved grant aid to voluntary organisations according to certain priorities. There has been no opportunity to provide further funding for existing services or to fund services not previously supported due to financial constraints. The Council have agreed to give priority to those organisations operating wholly within North Ayrshire and to such other organisations whose activities are of most benefit to the people of North Ayrshire and operate within the strategies and policies of the Council.

After discussion the Committee agreed (a) that any new or additional funding for information and advice services in the current financial year should only be considered on the submission of reports from the relevant supervising directorate and/or the directorate with responsibility for the type of service provided by the agency seeking such funding; (b) to remit to the Social Work Committee to consider the second instalment of funding for the Three Towns Unemployed Workers Centre as no decision had been taken on funding until consideration of this report; (c) that a corporate approach to the funding of information and advice agencies be established and a report on proposed funding of such organisations be submitted to the Committee for consideration in relation to grant funding in 1997/98; (d) to continue to support those organisations outwith North Ayrshire which provide essential resource back-up materials and support to local services; and (e) to arrange a meeting with the Irvine Unemployed Advice and Resource Centre (Jobs Action Group) to discuss financial difficulties which they may face after October 1996.

#### **5. Irvine: Cunninghame House: Office Accommodation**

Submitted report by the Legal Services Manager on the current lease arrangements for Cunninghame House between North Ayrshire Council and Land Securities Properties Limited and the ongoing discussions regarding renewal of the lease.

The lease for Cunninghame House expires on 25 March 1997. The building is in need of structural refurbishment and Land Securities have acknowledged that if the Council were to enter into a new lease then funding to allow improvements to be carried out may be available. The landlords have therefore commissioned a full constructional survey of the building and a report on this will be submitted to the next meeting.

The Committee agreed (a) to authorise the Principal Estates Officer to enter into formal negotiations with Land Securities Properties Limited for the renewal of the lease of Cunninghame House highlighting the need for the upgrading of the current heating system within the property; and (b) that the Legal Services Manager submit a further detailed report on this matter to the next meeting of the Committee.

## **6. Largs North Promenade; Proposed New Boathouse for Royal National Lifeboat Institution**

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on the outcome of discussions with representatives from the RNLI on their request for the lease/purchase of ground at Largs North Promenade for the siting of a proposed new lifeboat station.

A request by the RNLI to lease/purchase an area of ground at Largs North Promenade to accommodate the new station was initially considered by the former Cunninghame District Council who agreed that they would be prepared to declare the area of ground in question surplus to requirements if planning permission for the development was granted. Cunninghame District Council subsequently refused planning permission on the ground that the proposed development would be detrimental to visual amenity by reason of its scale and siting. Planning permission for the development was subsequently granted by the Secretary of State for Scotland on appeal. Notwithstanding this decision, no further action has been taken to date on the request by the RNLI to lease/purchase the ground required to enable the development to proceed. A meeting was held on 24 June 1996 between representatives of North Ayrshire Council and the RNLI and it was agreed that arrangements be made for Members of the Council to visit the lifeboat facility in Stranraer, the Largs Marina and the proposed site of the boathouse at Largs Promenade, prior to a decision being taken by the Council.

Following site visits to Largs and Stranraer by representatives of the Council and further subsequent discussions, confirmation has been received from the RNLI that they are willing to consider a proposed compromise on the design of the new lifeboat station at Largs North Promenade and have instructed their architect to proceed to draw up new plans on the basis of the criteria put forward by the Council.

The Committee agreed to remit to the Chair, Vice-Chair, Chair of Community and Recreational Services and the local member to consider the revised plans for the proposed new lifeboat station at Largs when these have been received and report to the next meeting of the Corporate Strategy Committee.

## **7. Cemeteries Operation**

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on proposals for a review of the operation and administration of cemeteries.

The Committee agreed that the Head of Corporate Business undertake a review of the operation and administration of cemeteries within North Ayrshire and report on the outcome at the earliest possible opportunity.

## **8. Irvine Harbour: “The Big Idea”**

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on the outcome of discussions on the “Big Idea” bid for Millennium Funding with representatives of ASSET and other agencies associated with the project.

At their previous meeting the Committee noted that the Nobel Project “The Big Idea” had been submitted to the Millennium Commission for funding in respect of a visitor attraction at the tip of Ardeer Peninsula across the river from Irvine Beachpark. The Committee agreed that the Chair, Vice-Chair, Convenor, Vice-Convenor and the members for Stevenston, Saltcoats and Ardrossan along with the local MP’s meet with representatives of ASSET, who submitted the bid, to discuss details of the project and report.

After discussion the Committee agreed (a) to provide a contribution of £11,000 towards the costs of preparing the final submission to the Millennium Commission for funding; and (b) to act as a future partner on the Nobel Exhibition Trust on the understanding that the Council will not be required to provide additional funding towards the future running costs of the project.

## **9. Payment of Allowances to Non-elected Members**

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on a proposal for the payment of allowances to non-elected members on certain Committees, Sub-Committees, Boards etc. of the Council, at the same rate as elected members.

The Committee agreed (a) to approve the payment of allowances, inclusive of loss of earnings, to non-elected members of the Social Complaints Review Sub-Committee, the Social Work Advisory Committee on Inspection, Local Attendance Councils, the Spier's Trust Committee, Education Appeals Committees and the Religious, Parent and Teacher Union representatives on the Education Committee at the same rate as elected members; and (b) with regard to Members of School Boards, to pay (i) mileage allowances at rates previously agreed by Strathclyde Regional Council, thereafter linked at 66.6% of those of elected members; (ii) subsistence allowances at the same rate as members; and (iii) financial loss allowances at the rate previously agreed by Strathclyde Regional Council.

## **10. Nolan Committee: Standards in Public Life**

Submitted report by the Chief Executive advising that the Nolan Committee have issued a paper setting out issues and questions relating to their report into Aspects of Conduct in Local Government on which all appropriate organisations have been consulted. The Nolan Committee have invited comments on the paper by 11 October 1996.

The Committee agreed to appoint a Member/Officer Working Group comprising the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Committee, the Convener and Vice-Convener, Councillors Clarkson and Jennings along with the Chief Executive, the Directors of Education and Financial Services and the Head of Corporate Business to examine in detail the issues and questions raised by the Nolan Committee and prepare a response on behalf of North Ayrshire Council for approval by the Corporate Strategy Committee.

## **11. Ayrshire and Arran Health Board**

Submitted report on a meeting with representatives of the Ayrshire and Arran Health Board held on 12 June 1996 to discuss concerns over press reports regarding proposed job losses at Crosshouse and Ayrshire Central Hospitals. Following the meeting it was agreed to note arrangements for representatives of the Council to meet with representatives of the NHS Trusts in Ayrshire on 29 August 1996 to discuss other matters of mutual interest and concern.

Noted.

## **12. Stevenston: Auchenharvie Centre**

Submitted report by the Architectural Services Manager on a negotiated contract for remedial works to flat roofs at the Auchenharvie Centre, Stevenston, along with the application of insulated rendering to the external walls of the swimming pool.

The Committee agreed to approve the negotiation of the contract for the necessary works as indicated in the report on the basis of previously tendered competitive rates submitted by Messrs Robison and Davidson, Mauchline.

## **13. Local Agenda 21**

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on the background to Local Agenda 21 with proposals on how North Ayrshire Council might seek to progress its application in relation to environmental activities.

Local Agenda 21 emanated from the United Nations Earth Seminar held in Rio de Janeiro in 1992.

It is essentially a plan of action devised by the Summit and provides a framework of objectives and activities for environmental protection and sustainable development, i.e. development which enhances the current quality of life without endangering that of future generations.

There is no statutory obligation on local authorities to take action on Local Agenda 21 but many authorities see this as an investment for the future and are taking steps towards its implementation. It is estimated that almost 70% of Local Agenda 21 requires the direct backing and involvement of local authorities who are the level of government closest to the people and have the ability to have an influence on the environment. There is no set pattern to Local Agenda 21 and authorities, working with the community, can determine their own priorities.

Assistance on the establishment and implementation of Local Agenda 21 is available through organisations such as the Local Government Management Board and the Scottish Education Council.

The Committee, recognising the commitment which the effective application of Local Agenda 21 will impose on the Council agreed (a) that a team of officers (i) draft an environmental policy; (ii) prepare a programme of action; and (iii) identify likely cost implications; (b) to take up membership of the Scottish Environment Education Council at an affiliation cost of £25.00; and (c) to authorise the Chair (or nominee) and one Officer to attend the Local Agenda 21 Conference and Exhibition in Nottingham on 1 and 2 October 1996.

#### **14. West Kilbride: Kirktonhall Glen Management Plan**

Submitted report by the Chief Executive advising that the Community and Recreational Services Committee on 4 June 1996 considered a report by the Director of Community and Recreational Services in respect of a Management Plan for Kirktonhall Glen West Kilbride.

In approving the Management Plan the Community and Recreational Services Committee agreed that the Corporate Strategy Committee be requested to consider the inclusion of an indicative sum of £200,000 in the Capital Plan for the three years 1997/98 to 1999/2000 for the development of facilities at Kirktonhall Glen subject to the availability of financial resources and to the investigation of external sources of financing the project.

After discussion the Committee agreed that, before considering the request the Community and Recreational Services Committee consider the priority that they attach to this project in relation to the other priority projects involving bids for Capital funding.

#### **15. Three Towns Initiative Company Limited: Secondment of Officer**

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on a proposal to second an officer of North Ayrshire Council to the Three Towns Initiative Company.

The seconded member of staff would act as Project Officer to assist the Initiative Manager in the strategic development of the Three Towns Initiative and to assume responsibility through a process of project development for the implementation of the key elements of the Initiative's Strategy. The officer will also be given responsibility for the further development of the North Ayrshire Regeneration Partnership's bid for Priority Partnership Area Status for the Three Towns under the new proposals for the Urban Programme.

The Committee agreed to authorise the secondment of Mr D Potter an Area Community Development Officer in the Community and Recreational Services Directorate based in Dalry, as a Project Officer to the Three Towns Initiative on a full-time basis until 31 December 1997 in the terms indicated in the report, such secondment to be reviewed on a six-monthly basis throughout the period of the secondment.



## **16. Publicity for Area Committees**

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on proposals for a Publicity Strategy for Area Committees.

The Committee agreed to approve the Publicity Strategy in the terms outlined in the report.

## **17. Area Committees.**

### **(a) Garnock Valley Area Committee**

Submitted the annexed report (Appendix CS1) of the Garnock Valley Area Committee, being the Minutes of their Meeting held on 18 June 1996.

The Committee agreed to note the report.

### **(b) Kilwinning, Dreghorn and Springside Area Committee**

Submitted the annexed report (Appendix CS2) of the Kilwinning, Dreghorn and Springside Area Committee, being the Minutes of their Meeting held on 19 June 1996.

The Committee agreed to note the report.

### **(c) Irvine Area Committee**

Submitted the annexed report (Appendix CS3) of the Irvine Area Committee, being the Minutes of their Meeting held on 19 June 1996.

The Committee agreed to note the report.

### **(d) Three Towns Area Committee**

Submitted the annexed report (Appendix CS4) of the Three Towns Area Committee, being the Minutes of their Meeting held on 20 June 1996.

The Committee agreed (a) that an invitation be extended to Mr George Kynoch from the Scottish Office to visit the Three Towns in support of the bid for Priority Partnership Area Status in accordance with the Area Committee's recommendation; and (b) otherwise to note the report.

### **(e) North Coast and Arran Area Committee**

Submitted the annexed report (Appendix CS5) of the North Coast and Arran Area Committee, being the Minutes of their Meeting held on 21 June 1996.

The Committee agreed to note the report.

## **18. Largs: Provision of Bunting: Application for Financial Assistance**

Submitted report by the Director of Financial Services on a request for a grant amounting to £1,800 from Largs Community Council towards the provision of bunting in Largs.

The request had previously been considered by the North Coast and Arran Area Committee on 21 June 1996 with a view to the possible provision of funding from the Largs Common Good. The Director of Financial Services had advised the Area Committee that the resources of this fund were fully committed in 1996/97 and the grant application was subsequently remitted to the Corporate Strategy Committee for further consideration.

The Committee agreed (a) to remit to the Largs Tourism Steering Group to consider the most appropriate street decoration to enhance Largs in conjunction with the Events and Improvements Plans in 1997/98; (b) that due to the lack of resources and the need to formulate an action plan the question of resourcing bunting or its alternative be delayed until the 1997/98 budget; and (c) that a decision on the grant application from Largs Community Council be deferred until the question of resourcing bunting or its alternative has been addressed by the Largs Tourism Steering Group.

## 19. Nomination of Council Representatives to Serve on Outside Agencies

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on the nomination of Members to serve on a number of outside agencies.

The Committee agreed to nominate the following representatives to serve on the undernoted outside agencies:-

<u>Outside Agencies</u>	<u>Representatives</u>
Scottish Local Government Information Unit	Patrick Browne
Prestwick International Airport Consultative Committee	Thomas Dickie
The Scottish National Federation for the Welfare of the Blind	Elliot Gray
The West of Scotland Loan Fund Limited	Samuel Gooding as a Director with David Munro as alternative
Caledonian MacBrayne: The Clyde Area Shipping Services Advisory Committee	John Sillars

## 20. Policy Statement for Refuse Collection and Other Cleaning

Submitted report on the client policy statement for refuse collection and other cleaning, which are defined activities subject to compulsory competitive tendering in terms of the Local Government Act 1988. The policy statement was approved by the Commercial Services Committee on 18 June 1996 and remitted to the Corporate Strategy Committee for its interest.

The Committee agreed to note the policy statement



## **21. Storage and Sale of Fireworks**

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on a request from the Chief Constable of Strathclyde Police in relation to the storage and sale of fireworks. This matter had been considered by the Protective Services Committee on 6 June 1996 who agreed to refer the request to the Corporate Strategy Committee.

The Protective Services Committee had agreed that the licensing/registration of fireworks should be the responsibility of the Council but wished to recommend that the Chief Constable be responsible for the legislation insofar as it relates to explosives etc.

After discussion, the Committee agreed to request that the Strathclyde Joint Police Board nominate the Chief Constable to discharge the Council's functions under Section 19 (Appointment of Inspectors) of the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 for the purposes of enforcement of the Explosive Acts 1875 and 1923 (as amended) insofar as they relate to the licensing, registration and regulation of stores or registered premises containing explosives other than mixed explosives including fireworks.

## **22. Education Appeal Committees: Composition**

Submitted report by the Director of Education on the composition of Appeal Committees remitted by the Education Committee on 28 May 1996 with a view to further consideration be given to nominating additional members.

Education Appeal Committees are convened to deal with appeals to North Ayrshire Council in relation to decisions on placing requests, exclusions and under age admissions. The administration of these Committees is undertaken by Registration Office staff in Irvine, Saltcoats and Kilbirnie. Each Appeal Committee in North Ayrshire operates with three members and the members of these committees are selected by staff from a list of members of Local Attendance Councils and from a restricted panel of members nominated by North Ayrshire Council. In the two-month period since re-organisation it has become evident that it would greatly facilitate the administration of these Committees if North Ayrshire Council's Panel of Members was enlarged to include Members who do not sit on the Education Committee. Although the Chairs of Appeal Committees have traditionally been members of the local authority the Education (Scotland) Act 1980 stipulates that a person who is a member of the Education Committee of the Council cannot chair Appeal Committee meetings. It would therefore be considered beneficial for North Ayrshire Council to enlarge their Panel of Members to serve on Appeal Committees.

The Committee agreed that in addition to those members of the Education Committee already selected, all remaining members of the Council be nominated to serve on Education Appeal Committees.

## **23. Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland**

The Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland has now confirmed that North Ayrshire Council will have no increase in the number of members following the review of electoral arrangements and consequently the Council will continue to be comprised of 30 members.

Noted.

## **24. Scottish Accident Prevention Council/Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (Road Safety): Membership 1996/97**

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on invitations from the Scottish Accident Prevention Council and The Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (Road Safety Division) to take up membership for 1996/97.

The Committee agreed (a) to take up membership of the Scottish Accident Prevention Council at a

cost of £100 for 1996/97; (b) to take up membership of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (Road Safety Division) at a cost of £245 (excluding VAT) for 1996/97; and (c) that the five Area Committees be advised of this decision, for their interest.

## **25. Three Towns Development**

Submitted report by the Head of Corporate Business on a proposal to hold a Member/Officer seminar on the development of the Three Towns.

The Council on 25 June 1996 instructed the Chief Executive to convene a meeting of the Chief Officers of the Council to consider ways in which the development of the Three Towns might be pursued.

A meeting of Chief Officers was held on 25 June 1996 at which a number of issues were identified which require further discussion and exploration.

The Committee agreed that a joint Member/Officer seminar be held to explore the options for the development of the Three Towns and that all members be invited to attend.

## **26. Cumbrae Youth Project: Lease of the Old Chapel, the Garrison, Millport**

Submitted report by the Head of Corporate Business on a proposal to lease the Old Chapel, the Garrison, Millport to the Cumbrae Youth Project organisation.

The Old Chapel at Garrison House is part of the property which is leased to North Ayrshire Council on a 99 year lease until the year 2046. The building has fallen into disrepair and will require some capital expenditure to return it to a useful state. The Daily Record, through the Young Scots Trust established to mark the Centenary of the Record, is looking to endow particular youth projects and are considering financing the refurbishment of the Old Chapel at a cost of £25,000.

The Cumbrae Youth Project is seeking a 25 year lease of the Old Chapel to enable the Young Scots Trust to finance its refurbishment and in addition are seeking technical assistance from the Council to enable the works to proceed.

After discussion, the Committee agreed (a) subject to formal approval being obtained from the Bute Estate, to enter into an appropriate 25 year lease of the Old Chapel at Garrison House to Cumbrae Youth Project at an annual rent of £1.00; and (b) to support the Cumbrae Youth Project in the refurbishment of the Old Chapel by providing technical assistance from the Council's staff.

## **27. Code of Conduct: Openness in Local Government**

Submitted report by the Head of Corporate Business on a consultation paper from COSLA regarding their draft Codes of Practice on Openness in Local Government.

The Committee agreed (a) that COSLA's Code of Conduct represents a positive move in Local Government; and (b) that the Head of Corporate Business write to COSLA detailing the Council's comments in the terms indicated in the report.

## **28. COSLA's Draft Strategic Plan 1996/97/COSLA's European Affairs Strategic Plan**

Submitted report by the Head of Corporate Business on consultations from COSLA in respect of their Strategic Plans.

COSLA are developing their draft Strategic Plan to ensure that they (a) clarify their goals and priorities; (b) are a pro-active organisation; and (c) provide a good operational framework.

The Committee welcomed this move and agreed that the Head of Corporate Business write to

COSLA detailing the suggested alterations in the terms indicated in the report.

### **29. North Ayrshire Council Football Team**

Submitted report by the Head of Corporate Business on a request from North Ayrshire Council's football team that the Council provide sponsorship towards the purchase of new strips.

The Committee agreed (a) exceptionally, to approve the request for sponsorship in the sum of £345; and (b) that such approval will not be regarded as setting a precedent for future such requests, which will require to be determined on their individual merits.

### **30. Irvine: Trinity Church**

Submitted report by the Director of Community and Recreational Services on development proposals for the Trinity Church, Irvine involving its conversion to a town Museum and/or Museum and Library.

The Committee agreed to remit the report to a Special Meeting of the Corporate Strategy Committee for consideration, to be held in the near future.

### **31. Requests for Financial Assistance**

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on requests for financial assistance from outside organisations.

Having considered the requests for financial assistance the Committee agreed that the following payments be made:-

<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Decision</u>
Children in Scotland	£1,665.56
COSLA	£192.14
Doors Open Day	£1,500
Energy Advice Centres	£2,000
Friends of the Earth (Scotland)	£500
Outsider Films	Refuse
Scottish Mining Museum (Lady Victoria Colliery) Midlothian	Defer
Scottish Screen Locations	£250

Scottish Working People's History Trust	Defer
Sportability Scotland	Defer
Three Towns CAVOC	£3,000
Ian Turbitt's Puppet Theatre	£500
ASSIST	£16,775
Commotion (North Ayrshire Youth Theatre)	£4,600
Scottish Ballet	£750

### **32. Conferences, Seminars etc.: Invitations**

An invitation has been received to attend the National Steering Committee of Nuclear Free Local Authorities Annual General Meeting and Conference in Leeds on 24 and 25 October 1996. A cost of £135 applies for the first delegate and £105 for each additional delegate.

The Committee agreed to authorise one member and one officer to attend the AGM/Conference.

The meeting ended at 2.50 p.m.