

North Ayrshire Council
5 March 1996

Irvine, 5 March 1996 - Minutes of the Meeting of a Special Meeting of North Ayrshire Council held in Cunninghame District Council Chambers, Cunninghame House, Irvine on Tuesday 5 March 1996 at 3.30 p.m.

Present

George Steven, John Donn, Thomas Barr, Patrick Browne, Jack Carson, Ian Clarkson, James Clements, Thomas Dickie, David Gallagher, Samuel Gooding, Jane Gorman, Elliot Gray, Margaret Highet, James Jennings, Joseph McKinney, Elizabeth McLardy, Thomas Morris, David Munn, Margaret Munn, Alan Munro, Irene Oldfather, David O'Neill, Robert Ray and Samuel Taylor.

In Attendance

The Chief Executive, the Directors of Education, Social Work, Financial Services, Housing Services, Community and Recreational Services and Commercial Services, the Legal Services Manager, the Architectural Services Manager and the Principal Officer (Policy/Administration).

Chair

Mr. Steven in the Chair.

Apologies for Absence

Stewart Dewar, Peter McNamara, Robert Reilly, Gena Seales and John Sillars.

1. Revenue Budget 1996/96

On 22 January 1996 the Corporate Strategy Committee considered a report by the Director of Financial Services on the proposed Revenue Budget for 1996/97. In order to meet the Government's capping criteria the Committee noted that savings were required and agreed policy guidelines and set percentage targets for each service to meet the savings required. Thereafter each Chair and Vice-Chair(s) of all Service Committees met with appropriate Directors to establish how the savings targets could be met and reported back to Special Meetings of all Service Committees.

The Service Committees met on 26 February 1996 and approved the Revenue Estimates for each service along with the package of saving measures required to meet the Government's capping criteria. The Corporate Strategy Committee on 27 February approved the Revenue Estimates for the services of Chief Executive Non-Support and for Joint Boards and the Urban Programme.

Departmental Estimates have now been amended to incorporate non-relevant expenditure e.g. loan and leasing charges and other housing summarised as follows:-

	£m
Chief Executive	
General	2.357
Information Technology	0.998
Legal	1.613

Personnel	1.227
Architects	2.056
Urban Programme	0.763
Education	61.746
Finance	2.827
Social Work	23.983
Planning, Road and the Environment	11.454
Community and Recreational Services	14.389
Joint Boards	30.938
Commercial Services	6.088
Other Housing	5.044
	165.483

The Council (a) approved the Draft Revenue Estimates for 1996/97; and (b) the annexed reports of Committees, being the Minutes of their Meetings as undernoted moved and seconded in terms of Standing Order No. 8:-

Committee	Pages
Special Education Committee: 26 February 1996	1
Special Community & Recreational Services Committee: 26 February 1996	2
Special Infrastructure & Environment Committee: 26 February 1996	3
Special Protective Services Committee: 26 February 1996	4
Special Support Services Committee: 26 February 1996	5
Special Commercial Services Committee: 26 February	6
Special Social Work Committee: 26 February	7

2. Determination of Council Tax for 1996/97

Submitted report by the Director of Financial Services on the calculation of Council Tax for 1996/97.

After allowing for potential Community Charge income and Aggregated External Finance North Ayrshire Council will require to finance the remainder of its budgeted expenditure from Council Tax. This expenditure of £27.831m will require to be met from Council Tax payers (**Appendix N1**).

The Council thereafter agreed that the Council Tax for 1996/97 be set as follows:-

Band	Valuation Band	Full Council Tax	Discounted Council Tax by 25%

A	Under £27,000	£440.00	£330.00
B	£27,000 - £35,000	£513.00	£384.75
C	£35,000-£45,000	£587.00	£440.25
D	£45,000-£58,000	£660.00	£495.00
E	£58,000-£80,000	£807.00	£605.25
F	£80,000-£106,000	£953.00	£714.75
G	£106,000-£212,000	£1,100.00	£825.00
H	Over £212,000	£1,320.00	£990.00

3. Exclusion of Public

Resolved, in terms of Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, exclude from the Meeting the press and the public for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the paragraphs Part I of Schedule 7A of the Act as shown against each item.

4. Saltcoats: Mid Dykes Road (Paragraph 9)

Submitted report by the Legal Services Manager on the acquisition of the Scottish Power Depot at Mid Dykes Road, Saltcoats.

The Council agreed to acquire the Depot on the terms and conditions recommended by the Legal Services Manager.

5. Members' Allowances (Paragraph 6)

Submitted report by the Director of Financial Services on arrangements for the payment of travelling and subsistence allowances for Members.

After discussion the Council approved the Scheme as recommended by the Director of Financial Services for the payment of travelling and subsistence.

The Meeting ended at 4.00 p.m.