

North Ayrshire Council
5 March 1998

Irvine, 5 March 1998 - Minutes of the Special Meeting of North Ayrshire Council held in the Council Chambers, Cunninghame House, Irvine on Tuesday 5 March 1998 at 2.00 p.m.

Present

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

In Attendance

The Directors of Financial Services, Social Work, Housing Services and Community and Recreational Services, the Head of Corporate Business, the Head of Educational Resources, the Head of Accountancy, the Legal Services Manager, the Personnel Services Manager, and the Principal Officer Policy/Administration.

Chair

Mr Steven in the Chair.

Apologies for Absence

Samuel Gooding, Peter McNamara, David Munn, John Sillars and Samuel Taylor.

1. Budget for 1998/99

Submitted the annexed report (Appendix N1) of a Special Meeting of the Corporate Strategy Committee, being their Minutes of their Meeting held on 24 February 1998. In moving adoption of the report the Leader of the Council outlined the problems which the Council had faced in determining their budget for the forthcoming year. Although difficult decisions had had to be taken the Council had endeavoured to protect all front line services so far as possible.

After discussion the Council agreed (a) Mr Wilkinson dissenting, to adopt the report which approved the draft revenue estimates for 1998/99; and (b) that the Chief Executive review organisational structures of the Council to ensure that they reflect the new Best Value regime.

2. Determination of Council Tax for 1998/99

Submitted report by the Director of Financial Services on the calculation of Council Tax for 1998/99.

The report also gave details of other charges which will be applicable in the next financial year including details of the various charges for water and sewerage as announced by the West of Scotland Water Authority.

The Secretary of State has set the level of expenditure for North Ayrshire Council for 1998/99 at £146.641 million. Taking into account all details the Council will require to finance £32.261 million of its budgeted expenditure from the Council Tax (Appendix N2).

The Council thereafter agreed that the Council Tax for 1998/99 be set as follows:-

Bank	Valuation Band	Full Council Tax	Discounted Council Tax by 25%
A	Under £26,999	£500.67	£375.50
B	£27,000 - £34,999	£584.11	£438.08
C	£35,000 - £44,999	£667.56	£500.67
D	£45,000 - £57,999	£751.00	£563.25
E	£58,000 - £79,999	£971.89	£688.42
F	£80,000 - £105,999	£1,084.78	£813.59
G	£106,000 - £211,999	£1,251.67	£938.75
H	Over £212,000	£1,502.00	£1,126.50

The meeting ended at 2.15 p.m.