

North Ayrshire Council  
6 March 1997

**Irvine, 6 March 1997** - Minutes of the Special Meeting of North Ayrshire Council held in the Council Chambers, Cunninghame House Irvine on Tuesday 6 March 1997 at 2.00 p.m.

**Present**

George Steven, John Donn, Patrick Browne, Jack Carson, James Clements, David Gallagher, Samuel Gooding, Jane Gorman, Margaret Highet, Thomas Morris, David Munn, Margaret Munn, Alan Munro, David O'Neill, Robert Rae, Robert Reilly and Richard Wilkinson.

**In Attendance**

The Chief Executive, The Directors of Financial Services, Social Work, Housing Services and Commercial Services, The Head of Corporate Business, The Legal Services Manager and The Personnel Services Manager, The Head of Education Services and The Principal Officer (Policy/Administration).

**Chair**

Mr. Steven in the Chair.

**Apologies for Absence**

Peter McNamara, John Sillars, Thomas Dickie, James Jennings, Samuel Taylor and Gena Seales.

**1. Budget for 1997/98**

Submitted the annexed report of a Special Meeting of the Corporate Strategy Committee being the Minutes of their Meeting held on 27 February 1997.

In moving adoption of the report the Leader of the Council spoke of the difficulties which the Council had faced in setting their budget for 1997/98. The Council had however, made it their priority to protect all frontline services and to maintain these at their current level.

After discussion the Council agreed, Mr. Wilkinson dissenting, to adopt the report approving the draft Revenue Estimates for 1997/98.

**2. Determination of Council Tax for 1997/98**

Submitted report by the Director of Financial Services on the calculation of Council Tax for 1997/98. 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 1997/98 at £141.433m. Taking into account all details the Council will require to

finance £30.687m of its budgeted expenditure from the Council Tax (Appendix N1).

The Council thereafter agreed that the Council Tax for 1997/98 be set as follows:-

<b><u>Band</u></b>	<b><u>Valuation Band</u></b>	<b><u>Full Council Tax</u></b>	<b><u>Discounted Council Tax by 25%</u></b>
A	Under £26,999	£478.67	£359.00
B	£27,000 - £34,999	558.44	418.83
C	£35,000 - £44,999	638.22	478.67
D	£45,000 - £57,000	718.00	538.50
E	£58,000 - £79,999	877.56	658.17
F	£80,000 - £105,999	1,037.11	777.83
G	£106,000 - £211,999	1,196.67	897.50
H	Over £212,000	1,436.00	1,077.00

### **3. School of Music and Recording Technology (SMART)**

The Corporate Strategy Committee on 4 March 1997 considered the possible submission by the Council of a bid for the location of a SMART college within North Ayrshire and agreed that the Council in partnership with Kilmarnock and James Watt Colleges submit a bid for the location of the college at the Shell site, Ardrossan.

Having agreed to suspend Standing Orders to allow further discussion of this matter the Council agreed that, in addition to the site in Ardrossan, appropriate sites in Irvine and Largs also be identified and submitted along with the bid for the location of the SMART college in North Ayrshire.

The Meeting ended at 2.20 p.m.

