

# FINANCE AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Minutes of special meeting held in Committee Room 1, Council Offices, Almada Street, Hamilton on 12 February 2009

## Chair:

Councillor Eileen Logan

## Councillors Present:

David Baillie, Walter Brogan, Gordon Clark, Pam Clearie, Russell Clearie, Jim Handibode, Graeme Horne, Bobby Lawson, Anne Maggs, James Malloy (Depute), Michael McCann, Lesley McDonald, Jean McKeown, Mary McNeill, Danny Meikle, George Sutherland

## Councillors' Apologies:

Graeme Campbell, Peter Craig, Lynn Filshie, Archie Manson, Edward McAvoy, Henry Mitchell, Graham Simpson

## Attending:

### Corporate Resources

P MacRae, Administration Officer

### Finance and Information Technology Resources

L Hardie, Executive Director; P Manning, Head of Finance Services; L O'Hagan, Finance Manager (Accounting and Budgeting); J Taylor, Finance Manager

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## 1 Declaration of Interests

No interests were declared.

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## 2 Minutes of Special Meeting

The minutes of the special meeting of the Finance and Information Technology Resources Committee held on 29 January 2009 were submitted for approval as a correct record.

**The Committee decided:** that the minutes be approved as a correct record.

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## 3 Revenue Budget 2009/2010

A report dated 2 February 2009 by the Executive Director (Finance and Information Technology Resources) was submitted on the outcome of the budget process and the revenue budget proposals for 2009/2010.

The revenue budget total for 2009/2010 was £721.080 million and was made up as follows:-

	£ million
Total Services Gross Expenditure	£862.476
Deduct: Total Services Gross Income	<u>-192.242</u>
Net Service Spending	=£670.234
Add: Financing Costs, etc	+ 58.437
Deduct: Surplus from Trading Services	<u>- 7.591</u>
<b>Net Expenditure</b>	<b>£721.080</b>

This sum would be funded as follows:-

	£ million
♦ Government Grant	£591.659
♦ Council share of further Government Grant – National Total	3.922
♦ Council Tax	<u>125.499</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>£721.080</b>

**The Committee recommended to the Executive Committee:** that the Revenue Budget proposals for 2009/2010 be approved.

*[Reference: Minutes of Executive Committee (Special) of 29 January 2009 (Paragraph 2)]*

*Councillor Malloy entered the meeting during this item of business*

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#### **4 Prudential Code Indicators 2009/2010 to 2011/2012**

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A report dated 2 February 2009 by the Executive Director (Finance and Information Technology Resources) was submitted on updated Prudential Code indicators based on the current capital programme for the period 2009/2010 to 2011/2012.

The Prudential Code indicators provided a framework to:-

- ♦ assist the management of the implications of additional borrowing
- ♦ demonstrate that increased levels of spending were affordable

The indicators required to be updated before the commencement of each financial year to reflect changes to the planned levels of expenditure and the sources of funding.

To meet the objectives of the Prudential Code, the Council was required to:-

- ♦ report a number of indicators
- ♦ use those indicators to demonstrate the affordability and sustainability of its capital plans
- ♦ show good treasury management practice

The Prudential Code and the resulting indicators focused on the following main areas:-

- ♦ capital expenditure plans and asset management
- ♦ treasury management practices

Details were given on both those areas.

The Prudential Code indicators for 2009/2010 to 2011/2012 were detailed in Appendix 1 to the report together with explanations for each indicator. Details were also given on the updated position for 2008/2009.

A report would be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee showing actual achievement against the 2008/2009 indicators.

**The Committee decided:** that the updated Prudential Code indicators, based on the current capital programme for the period 2009/2010 to 2011/2012, be approved.

*[Reference: Minutes of 14 February 2008 (Special) (Paragraph 4)]*

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## **5 Treasury Management Strategy 2009/2010**

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A report dated 28 January 2009 by the Executive Director (Finance and Information Technology Resources) was submitted on the Council's Treasury Management Strategy for 2009/2010.

In terms of the Council's Financial Regulations and the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) Code of Practice, the Treasury Management Strategy required to be submitted to this Committee. The Strategy for adoption by the Council was detailed in the appendix to the report.

New investment regulations were expected from the Scottish Government over the next few months and an update to the Strategy might be required after those regulations were applied.

**The Committee decided:** that the Treasury Management Strategy for the Council, as detailed in the appendix to the report, be approved.

*[Reference: Minutes of 14 February 2008 (Special) (Paragraph 5)]*

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## **6 Urgent Business**

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There were no items of urgent business.