

SOUTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Almada Street, Hamilton on 9 February 2006

Chair:

Provost Mushtaq Ahmad

Councillors Present:

David Baillie, Archie Buchanan, Jackie Burns, Tony Carlin, Sam Casserly, Pam Clearie, Russell Clearie (Depute), Cathie Condie, Gerry Convery, Stewart Crawford, Jim Daisley, Alan Dick, Gerry Docherty, Jim Docherty, Allan Falconer, Bev Gauld, Tommy Gilligan, Ian Gray, James Handibode, Liz Handibode, Graeme Horne, Carol Hughes, Davy Keirs, Eileen Logan, Joe Lowe, Anne Maggs, James Malloy, Tom McAlpine, Edward McAvoy, Billy McCaig, Brian McCaig, Michael McCann, Michael McGlynn, John McGuinness, Alex McInnes, Ian McInnes, Brian McKenna, Denis McKenna, David McLachlan, Bill McNab, Mary McNeill (Depute), Alice Marie Mitchell, Henry Mitchell, Pat Morgan, Patricia Osborne, Brian Reilly, Bob Rooney, Gretel Ross, William Ross, Betty Rush, Graham Scott, David Shearer, Mary Smith, Chris Thompson, Murray Tremble, Jim Wardhaugh, Pat Watters

Councillors' Apologies:

Maureen Devlin, Beith Forrest, Archie Manson, Danny Meikle, John Ormiston, May Smith, Bert Thomson, David Watson

Attending:

Chief Executive's Service

M Docherty, Chief Executive

Community Resources

L Hardie, Executive Director

Corporate Resources

A Cuthbertson, Executive Director; R Lake, Administration Manager; R McIlwain, Head of Administration; S Somerville, Administration Officer

Education Resources

K Arthur, Executive Director

Enterprise Resources

I Urquhart, Executive Director

Finance and Information Technology Resources

A Strang, Executive Director

Housing and Technical Resources

J Hayton, Executive Director

Social Work Resources

S Cameron, Executive Director

Death of Councillor Hector Macdonald

The Chair referred to the death of Councillor Hector Macdonald, elected member for Council Electoral Ward 32 (Avondale South). As a mark of respect, all present stood and observed a minute's silence.

1 Declaration of Interests

No interests were declared.

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 22 June 2005 were submitted for approval as a correct record.

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

3 Recommendations Referred by Executive Committee (Special) - Housing Revenue Budget 2006/2007; Revenue Budget and Level of Local Taxation 2006/2007 and Capital Investment Programme for General Fund Services 2008/2009

A report dated 9 February 2006 by the Chief Executive was tabled on the recommendations which had been referred to the Council by the Executive Committee (Special) held on 9 February 2006. The recommendations were as follows:-

Housing Revenue Account Budget 2006/2007

- ◆ that the Revenue Estimate proposals for the Housing Revenue Account for 2006/2007, as detailed in the report, and the weekly rent increase of £1.72 (3.5%) for Council houses, be approved
- ◆ that the 3.5% rise also be applied to the rent of lock-ups, garage sites and travelling people's sites

[Reference: Minutes of Executive Committee (Special) of 9 February 2006 (Paragraph 3)]

Revenue Budget and Level of Local Taxation 2006/2007

- ◆ that the investment proposals totalling £12.856 million, as detailed in the report, be approved
- ◆ that the recommendation of the Finance and Information Technology Resources Committee and the Revenue Budget for 2006/2007 be approved
- ◆ that the budget allocations to each Resource for 2006/2007, as detailed in the report, be approved
- ◆ that the Band D Council Tax for 2006/2007 be set at a figure of £1,076 (increase of 3.46%)

[Reference: Minutes of Executive Committee (Special) of 9 February 2006 (Paragraph 4)]

Capital Investment Programme for General Fund Services 2008/2009

- ◆ that the capital investment programme for General Fund services, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report, be approved
- ◆ that the funding schedule, as detailed in Appendix 2 to the report, be approved

[Reference: Minutes of Executive Committee (Special) of 9 February 2006 (Paragraph 5)]

Councillor McAvoy made a statement highlighting the priorities contained within the 2006/2007 revenue budget and advised that, due to the position regarding funding from the Scottish Executive, no indication of a Council Tax level for 2007/2008 would be provided at the current time.

The Council decided: that the recommendations of the Executive Committee in relation to the following issues be approved:-

- ◆ Housing Revenue Account Budget 2006/2007
- ◆ Revenue Budget and Level of Local Taxation 2006/2007

- ◆ Capital Investment Programme for General Fund Services 2008/2009

Councillor McGlynn, as the mover of an amendment which failed to find a seconder, requested that his dissent be recorded

4 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.