

SOUTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Almada Street, Hamilton on 10 February 2005

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, Maureen Devlin, Alan Dick, Jim Docherty, Allan Falconer, Bev Gauld, Tommy Gilligan, Ian Gray, James Handibode, Liz Handibode, Graeme Horne, Carol Hughes, Eileen Logan, Joe Lowe, Hector Macdonald, Anne Maggs, James Malloy, Archie Manson, 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, John Ormiston, Patricia Osborne, Brian Reilly, Bob Rooney, Gretel Ross, William Ross, Graham Scott, David Shearer, May Smith, Chris Thompson, Murray Tremble, Jim Wardhaugh, David Watson, Pat Watters

Councillors' Apologies:

Stewart Crawford, Jim Daisley, Gerry Docherty, Beith Forrest, Davy Keirs, Tom McAlpine, Danny Meikle, Betty Rush, Mary Smith, Bert Thomson

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, Head of Specialist Services

Enterprise Resources

I Urquhart, Executive Director

Finance and Information Technology Resources

A Strang, Executive Director

Housing and Technical Resources

S Gilchrist, Executive Director

Social Work Resources

S Cameron, Executive Director

1 Declaration of Interests

No interests were declared.

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 3 March 2004 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 – Housing Revenue and Housing Capital Budgets 2005/2006 and Revenue Budget and Level of Local Taxation 2005/2006

A report dated 10 February 2005 by the Chief Executive was tabled on the recommendations which had been referred to the Council by the Executive Committee (Special) of 10 February 2005. The recommendations of the Executive Committee were as follows:-

Housing Revenue and Housing Capital Budgets 2005/2006

- ◆ that the Revenue Estimate proposals, as detailed in the report, and the weekly rent increase of £1.64 (3.5%) for Council houses be approved
- ◆ that the 3.5% rise also be applied to the rent of lock-ups, garage sites, travelling people's sites and homeless accommodation units
- ◆ that the Housing Revenue Account Capital Estimate proposals, as detailed in the report, with a total expenditure programme of £41.337 million be approved
- ◆ that the following projects be added to the previously approved 5 year Housing Investment Capital Programme:-

Area	Project Description	Project Title	£ million
Blantyre	Re-roofing	Coatshill	0.662
Rutherglen	Homeless Accommodation	Blairtum House Upgrade and Extension	1.000

[Reference: Minutes of Executive Committee (Special) of 10 February 2005 (Paragraph 3)]

Revenue Budget and Level of Local Taxation 2005/2006

- ◆ that the investment proposals totalling £8.514 million, as detailed in the report, be approved
- ◆ that the recommendations of the Finance and Information Technology Resources Committee and the Revenue Budget for 2005/2006 be approved
- ◆ that the budget allocations to each Resource for 2005/2006, as detailed in the report, be approved
- ◆ that the Band D Council Tax for 2005/2006 be set at a figure of £1,040 (increase of 3.5%)

[Reference: Minutes of Executive Committee (Special) of 10 February 2005 (Paragraph 4)]

Councillor McAvoy:-

- ◆ made a statement highlighting the priorities contained within the 2005/2006 Revenue Budget
- ◆ thanked Maggi Allan, Executive Director (Education Resources) and Stewart Gilchrist, Executive Director (Housing and Technical Resources) for their contribution since the Council was established in 1996 and wished them both well in their forthcoming retirements
- ◆ congratulated Maggi Allan, Executive Director (Education Resources) on being awarded the OBE and for achieving an excellent report from Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Education
- ◆ welcomed the appointment of Ken Arthur as Executive Director (Education Resources) with effect from 1 April 2005
- ◆ thanked Stewart Gilchrist, Executive Director (Housing and Technical Resources) for the success of the Housing Investment Programme
- ◆ acknowledged the contribution Linda Hardie had made to the Corporate Management Team since her appointment as Executive Director (Community Resources)

The Council decided:

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

- ◆ Housing Revenue and Housing Capital Budgets 2005/2006
- ◆ Additions to Housing Investment Capital Programme 2004/2009
- ◆ Revenue Budget and Level of Local Taxation 2005/2006

4 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.