

**ESTATES COMMITTEE**

Minutes of meeting held in Committee Room 1, Council Offices, Almada Street, Hamilton on 11 October 2011

**Chair:**

Councillor Jim Docherty

**Councillors Present:**

Walter Brogan, Jackie Burns (Depute), Graeme Campbell, Gordon Clark, Douglas Edwards, Lynn Filshie, Ian Gray, Bill Holman, Eileen Logan, Alex McInnes, Denis McKenna, John McNamee, Alice Marie Mitchell, Graham Simpson, Mary Smith, George Sutherland, Jim Wardhaugh, Sheena Wardhaugh

**Councillors' Apologies:**

David Baillie, Beith Forrest, Jim Handibode, Edward McAvoy, Chris Thompson

**Attending:****Finance and Corporate Resources**

M Armstrong and P MacRae, Administration Officers

**Housing and Technical Resources**

D Lowe, Head of Property Services; J Forbes, Asset Management and Property Manager

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**1 Declaration of Interests**

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No interests were declared.

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**2 Minutes of Previous Meeting**

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The minutes of the meeting of the Estates Committee held on 12 July 2011 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 Acquisition of 72 Cathcart Road, Rutherglen**

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A report dated 21 September 2011 by the Executive Director (Enterprise Resources) was submitted on the acquisition of the former laundry site and buildings at 72 Cathcart Road, Rutherglen from Giffen and Bissett Limited for the provision of further industrial development aimed at promoting economic activity and job creation.

It was proposed that the site and buildings, extending to 0.82 acres, be purchased from Giffen and Bissett Limited, in the sum of £425,000, subject to the terms and conditions detailed in the report.

**The Committee decided:**

- (1) that the site and buildings of the former laundry at 72 Cathcart Road, Rutherglen, extending to 0.82 acres, be purchased from Giffen and Bissett Limited, in the sum of £425,000, subject to the terms and conditions detailed in the report; and

- (2) that the Executive Director (Enterprise Resources), in consultation with the Head of Legal Services, be authorised to conclude negotiations and the necessary legal agreements on terms which were in the best interests of the Council.

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#### **4 Disposal of 78 Union Street, Hamilton**

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A report dated 21 September 2011 by the Executive Director (Enterprise Resources) was submitted on the sale of the former children's home at 78 Union Street, Hamilton to Mr Ajmal and Mrs N Mushtaq, in the sum of £355,000, for residential use.

In view of the requirement to progress this matter as soon as possible and in terms of Standing Order No 36(c), the Executive Director (Enterprise Resources), in consultation with the Chair and an ex officio member, had:-

- ◆ approved the sale of the former children's home at 78 Union Street, Hamilton to Mr Ajmal and Mrs N Mushtaq, in the sum of £355,000, subject to the terms and conditions detailed in the report
- ◆ authorised the Executive Director (Enterprise Resources), in consultation with the Head of Legal Services, to conclude negotiations and the necessary legal agreements on terms which were in the best interests of the Council

**The Committee decided:**

that the following action taken, in terms of Standing Order No 36 (c), by the Executive Director (Enterprise Resources), in consultation with the Chair and an ex officio member, be noted:-

- ◆ approval of the sale of the former children's home at 78 Union Street, Hamilton to Mr Ajmal and Mrs N Mushtaq, in the sum of £355,000, subject to the terms and conditions detailed in the report
- ◆ authorisation of the Executive Director (Enterprise Resources), in consultation with the Head of Legal Services, to conclude negotiations and the necessary legal agreements on terms which were in the best interests of the Council

*[Reference: Minutes of Executive Committee of 23 February 2011 (Paragraph 8)]*

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#### **5 Urgent Business**

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There were no items of urgent business.