

SOUTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

Minutes of special meeting held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Almada Street, Hamilton on 10 February 2011

Chair:

Provost Russell Clearie

Councillors Present:

John Anderson, David Baillie, Eileen Baxendale, Walter Brogan, Jackie Burns, John Cairney, Andy Carmichael, Gordon Clark, Pam Clearie, Peter Craig, Maureen Devlin, Jim Docherty, Hugh Dunsmuir, Douglas Edwards, Allan Falconer, Lynn Filshie, Beith Forrest (Depute), Tommy Gilligan, Ian Gray, Jim Handibode, Anne Higgins, Bill Holman, Bobby Lawson, Eileen Logan, Joe Lowe, Edward McAvoy, Brian McCaig, Clare McColl, Lesley McDonald, Alex McInnes, Brian McKenna, Denis McKenna, Jean McKeown, Davie McLachlan, John McNamee, Mary McNeill, Anne Maggs, James Malloy, Archie Manson, Danny Meikle, Alice Marie Mitchell, Henry Mitchell, John Murray, Alan Scott, Graham Scott, David Shearer, Graham Simpson, Mary Smith, Hamish Stewart, George Sutherland, Chris Thompson, Bert Thomson, Richard Tullett, Sheena Wardhaugh, David Watson, Pat Watters

Councillors' Apologies:

Alex Allison, Archie Buchanan, Graeme Campbell, Gerry Convery, Barry Douglas, Bev Gauld, Graeme Horne, Jim McGuigan, Patrick Ross-Taylor, Jim Wardhaugh

Attending:**Chief Executive's Service**

A Strang, Chief Executive

Community Resources

N Anderson, Executive Director

Corporate Resources

R McIlwain, Executive Director; R Lake, Administration Manager; S Somerville, Administration Adviser

Education Resources

J Gilhooly, Head of Education (Quality and Personnel)

Enterprise Resources

C McDowall, Executive Director

Finance and Information Technology Resources

P Manning, Head of Finance

Housing and Technical Resources

L Freeland, Executive Director

Social Work Resources

H Stevenson, Executive Director

1 Declaration of Interests

No interests were declared.

2 Recommendations Referred by Executive Committee - Annual Investment Strategy 2011/2012; Housing Revenue Account Budget 2011/2012; Housing Capital Programme 2011/2012; Capital Programme 2011/2012 to 2013/2014; and Revenue Budget and Level of Local Taxation 2011/2012

A report dated 10 February 2011 by the Chief Executive was tabled on recommendations referred to the Council by the Executive Committee (Special) of 10 February 2011. The recommendations were as follows:-

◆ **Housing Revenue and Capital Account Budget 2011/2012**

that the recommendations of the Housing and Technical Resources Committee (Special) in relation to the Housing Revenue Account budget 2011/2012 and Housing Capital Programme 2011/2012 be approved.

[Reference Minutes of Executive Committee (Special) of 10 February 2011 (Paragraph 3)]

◆ **Revenue Budget and Level of Local Taxation 2011/2012**

- ◆ that the recommendation of the Finance and Information Technology Resources Committee (Special) in relation to the Revenue Budget for 2011/2012 be approved;
- ◆ that the budget allocations for each Resource, as detailed in the appendix to the report, be approved;
- ◆ that the band D Council Tax for 2011/2012 be set at a figure of £1101;
- ◆ that the actions required to finalise the Council's detailed Revenue Budget for 2011/2012 be approved; and
- ◆ that, in line with good governance arrangements, the Council's policy objectives and performance continue to be reviewed at Service, Resource and corporate levels.

[Reference: Minutes of Executive Committee (Special) of 10 February 2011 (Paragraph 4)]

◆ **Annual Investment Strategy 2011/2012**

- ◆ that the Annual Investment Strategy for 2011/2012 be approved

[Reference: Minutes of Executive Committee (Special) of 10 February 2011 (Paragraph 4)]

◆ **Capital Programme 2011/2012 to 2013/2014**

- ◆ that the Capital Programme funding package for the years 2011/2012 to 2013/2014, as detailed in the report, be approved; and
- ◆ that the proposed programme of General Fund capital projects for financial years 2011/2012 to 2013/2014, as detailed in the appendix to the report, be approved.

[Reference: Minutes of Executive Committee (Special) of 10 February 2011 (Paragraph 5)]

Councillor McAvoy:-

- ◆ extended thanks to elected members, the Chief Executive, the Corporate Management Team, officers and the Trades Unions' representatives for their contribution to the budget process
- ◆ acknowledged the input from the Head of Finance and his staff in responding to Members' questions
- ◆ recognised the crucial role of all Council employees, not just as part of the budget process but for the assistance provided during the recent period of severe weather
- ◆ made a statement highlighting the priorities within the 2011/2012 Revenue Budget and the commitment to deliver the best services possible within the resources available

Councillor Maggs, in turn, extended thanks to officers and colleagues for their input into what had been one of the most exhausting budget processes and to the Leader of the Council for the opportunities for discussion which had been afforded to members. Specific areas within the budget were highlighted and the need to do the best for all residents of South Lanarkshire Council was underlined.

The Council decided: that the recommendations of the Executive Committee (Special) of 10 February 2011 in relation to the following issues be approved:-

- ◆ Housing Revenue Account Budget 2011/2012
- ◆ Housing Capital Programme 2011/2012
- ◆ Revenue Budget and Level of Local Taxation 2011/2012
- ◆ Annual Investment Strategy 2011/2012
- ◆ Capital Programme 2011/2012 to 2013/2014

3 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.