

Motherwell, 9 March 2000 at 9.55 am.

A Special Meeting of the **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

PRESENT

Councillor Brooks, Convener; Councillor Curran, Vice-Convener; Councillors Cameron, Connelly, Homer, Love, Lyle, McCabe, McElroy, Pentland, Saunders, Selfridge, Shaw, Smith, Stocks and Valentine.

CHAIR

Councillor Brooks (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Head of Central Services, Director of Planning and Environment, Director of Finance and Head of Accounting Services.

APOLOGIES

Councillors Burns and Jones.

REVENUE ESTIMATES 2000/2001

1. **C** There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 1 March 2000 by the Director of Finance (1) referring to the 2000/2001 base revenue estimates with regard to the Department of Planning and Environment (Economic Development Unit) which had previously been noted by the Committee and in which account had been taken of certain current service provision (CSP) adjustments; (2) advising that it had been necessary to review those base estimates to take into account new and updated information and detailing, in Appendix i to the report, a revised summary of CSP adjustments; (3) providing, in Appendix ii to the report, explanations of detailed CSP movements; (4) indicating that, to maintain expenditure to the guideline level as intimated within the Local Government Finance Settlement, consideration requires to be given to savings from the departmental base estimates for the Department of Planning and Environment (Economic Development Unit), and (5) recommending that the Committee:

- (a) note the current service provision adjustments to the departmental base estimates with regard to the Department of Planning and Environment (Economic Development Unit) as set out in Appendices i and ii to the report;
- (b) approve the base budget for the Department of Planning and Environment (Economic Development Unit) as detailed in Appendix iii to the report prior to consideration and approval of savings proposals, and
- (c) consider and approve a range of savings in recognition of the expenditure guideline limit as notified by the Scottish Executive.

Councillor Brooks, seconded by Councillor Curran, moved that the Committee

- (1) note the explanation of the detailed CSP movements as set forth in Appendix ii to the report by the Director of Finance and, for its interest, approve the revised CSP adjustments as detailed in Appendix i to that report;

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- (2) approve, for its interest, the base departmental budget for the Department of Planning and Environment (Economic Development Unit) as detailed in Appendix iii to the report subject to the following savings;
- (3) in recognition of the expenditure guideline level as intimated within the Local Government Finance Settlement, approve, for its interest, savings from the departmental base estimates for the Department of Planning and Environment (Economic Development Unit) as detailed within a schedule of savings which he submitted to the Committee, and
- (4) recommend accordingly to the Policy and Resources Committee and the Council.

Councillor Lyle, seconded by Councillor Stocks, moved, as an amendment, that all departmental saving proposals (cuts in services) be continued for consideration to the special meeting of the Council being held later today.

On a vote being taken 5 Members voted for the amendment and 11 Members voted for the motion, which was accordingly declared to be carried.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the explanation of the detailed CSP movements as set forth in Appendix ii to the report by the Director of Finance and, for its interest, approve the revised CSP adjustments as detailed in Appendix i to that report;
- (2) that the Committee approve, for its interest, the base departmental budget for the Department of Planning and Environment (Economic Development Unit) as detailed in Appendix iii to the report subject to the following savings;
- (3) that the Committee in recognition of the expenditure guideline level as intimated within the Local Government Finance Settlement, approve, for its interest, savings from the departmental base estimates for the Department of Planning and Environment (Economic Development Unit) as detailed within the schedule of savings submitted to the Committee and reproduced as an Appendix to this Minute, and
- (4) that the Committee recommend accordingly to the Policy and Resources Committee and the Council.

APPENDIX

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROPOSED SAVINGS

Description	Amount £
<u>Review of Payments to Other Bodies</u> Reduction in the projects budget for Training Resource Bank as this function will now be provided by the Lanarkshire Key Fund which has funding in place to meet training requirements.	40,000
<u>Review of Environmental Task Force</u> The Council contracts with Employment Service to provide the ETF across Lanarkshire. The efficiencies achieved through establishing the ETF team within EDU will generate additional resources.	50,000
<u>Review of Donations and Subscriptions</u> Deletion of discretionary subscription to Scottish Council Development and Industry as the information from this body can be accessed from other sources.	4,000
<u>Review of Printing and Stationery Requirements</u> Efficiency savings achievable as a result of management action with no detriment to level of service, in line with current year trend.	2,000
<u>Review of Staffing Levels</u> Departmental Management Review is examining service delivery across all departmental services and savings of this level are achievable.	12,846
<u>Review of Telephone Costs</u> Renegotiation of the contract for the necessary provision of mobile phones to specified members of staff will result in savings.	1,500
TOTAL PROPOSED SAVINGS	110,346