

Motherwell, 15 February 2001 at 9.35.

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

PRESENT

Councillor Brooks, Convener; Councillor Curran, Vice-Convener; Councillors Burns, Cameron, Connelly, Jones, Love, Lyle, McCabe, McElroy, Nolan, Pentland, Saunders, Selfridge, Shaw and Smith.

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.

APOLOGY

Councillor Donnelly and H. McGuigan.

REVENUE ESTIMATES 2001/2002

1. **C** There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 5 February 2001 by the Director of Finance (1) referring to the 2001/2002 base revenue estimates with regard to the Department of Planning and Environment (Economic Development Unit) which had, previously, been noted by this 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 and detailing, in Appendix i to the report, a revised summary of CSP adjustments; (3) providing, in Appendix ii to the report, detailed explanations of CSP adjustments; (4) referring to the approval by the Policy and Resources Committee, at its meeting of 5 September 2000, of a recommendation by the Chief Executive that Departments of the Council identify efficiency savings totalling £5m to be achieved through the process of Best Value, value for money studies and economies resulting from capital investment; (5) detailing, in Appendix iv to the report, savings proposals amounting to £70,000 identified by the Director of Planning and Environment; (6) indicating that, following the provision by the Scottish Executive of grant support figures for each of the next three years, the Council had the opportunity to move towards three year budgeting and it was intended that Departmental budgets would be developed over the coming months thus assisting in the process of service planning and the ongoing development of Best Value, and (7) 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 of savings proposals;
 - (c) consider and recommend to the Policy and Resources Committee, from the proposals detailed in Appendix iv to the report, a range of efficiency savings which would have no detrimental impact on service delivery, and
 - (d) note the proposal to develop Departmental three year budgets.

Decided: that the Committee

- (1) note the explanation of the detailed CSP adjustments, as set forth in Appendix ii to the report by the Director of Finance and, for its interest, approve the revised CSP adjustments to the Departmental base estimates with regard to the Department of Planning and Environment (Economic Development Unit), as detailed in Appendix i to that report;
- (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 that report, subject to the following savings;
- (3) approve, for its interest, savings from the Departmental base estimates for the Department of Planning and Environment (Economic Development Unit), as detailed in Appendix iv to the report;
- (4) recommend accordingly to the Policy and Resources Committee and the Council, and
- (5) note the proposal to develop Departmental three year budgets.