

Motherwell, 28 January 1999 at 9.15 am.

A Special Meeting of the **HOUSING COMMITTEE**

PRESENT

Councillor McLaughlin, Convener; Councillor Clarke, Vice-Convener; Provost Mathieson; Councillors Chadha, Cox, Craigie, Gray, Hogg, Lunny, Lyle, McCabe, McKenna, W. Martin, Murphy, G. Murray, S.V. Murray, Robertson, Selfridge and Wilson.

CHAIR

Councillor McLaughlin (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Committee Services Officer, Director of Housing, Housing Finance and Administration Manager and Head of Accounting Services.

APOLOGIES

Councillors Beekman, Leitch, Morgan, Nolan and Sullivan.

HOUSING REVENUE ESTIMATES 1999/2000

1. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 8 January 1999 by the Director of Housing setting out the position and options in relation to the Housing Revenue Account for 1999/2000.

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Councillor McCabe, seconded by Councillor Gray, moved

- (1) that the base revenue estimates as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report be approved;
- (2) that the financial savings totalling £0.176 m as detailed in Appendices 1 and 1(a) to this minute be approved;
- (3) that service improvements totalling £0.370 m as detailed in Appendix 2 to this minute be approved;
- (4) that housing rent levels be increased by an average of £1.50 per week over 52 weeks equivalent to 4.5 %, to be applied in the following ways:-
 - (a) with regard to the former district authority housing stock, rent levels to be increased by a base percentage of 4.55%, equivalent to an average increase of £1.50 per week, with this base percentage increase being subject to the following adjustments:-
 - (i) **1 Apartment**
 - (A) Within the South District, a flat rate weekly rent increase of £1.50 to be applied;
 - (B) Within the Central District, the base percentage rent increase less £0.50 per week to be applied;
 - (C) Within the Moodiesburn area, the base percentage rent increase less £0.50 per week to be applied, and

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(D) Within the former Cumbernauld and Kilsyth District Council area, the base percentage rent increase less £1.00 per week to be applied, and

(ii) **5 and 6 Apartments**

Within the Central District, the base percentage rent increase plus £0.50 per week to be applied,

(b) In respect of the housing stock transferred from the former Cumbernauld Development Corporation, housing rent levels be increased by 3.1% equivalent to an average weekly increase of £1.20, and

(5) that all increases should apply from 1 April 1999.

Councillor Lyle, seconded by Councillor G. Murray moved as an amendment

(1) that the base revenue estimates as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report be amended as outlined in Annex A to this minute;

(2) that service improvements totalling £0.571 m as detailed in Annex B to this minute be approved;

(3) that the financial savings totalling £0.259 m as detailed in Annexes C(i) and C(ii) to this minute be approved;

(4) that rents be increased by an average of £1.39 per week equivalent to 4.2% to be applied as follows:-

(a) with regard to the former district authority housing stock, rent levels to be increased by 4.2%, equivalent to an average increase of £1.40 per week, and

(b) with regard to the former Cumbernauld Development Corporation housing stock, rent levels to be increased by 2%, equivalent to an average weekly increase of £0.77.

On a vote being taken 4 Members voted for the amendment and 14 Members voted for the motion which was accordingly declared to be carried.

Decided: that the proposals more fully detailed in the motion be approved.

