

**Motherwell, 4 March 1999 at 10.45 am.**

A Special Meeting of the **HOUSING COMMITTEE**

**PRESENT**

Councillor McLaughlin, Convener; Councillor Clarke, Vice-Convener; Provost Mathieson; Councillors Burns, Craigie, Gray, Hogg, Lafferty, Lunny, Lyle, McCabe, McElroy, W. Martin, Murphy, G. Murray, S.V. Murray, Robertson, Selfridge, Shaw, Smith and Wilson.

**CHAIR**

Councillor McLaughlin (Convener) presided.

**IN ATTENDANCE**

The Head of Central Services, Director of Housing, Director of Finance and Head of Accounting Services.

**APOLOGIES**

Councillors Beekman, Leitch, McAlorum, McKendrick, McKenna, Morgan, Nolan and Sullivan.

**REVENUE ESTIMATES 1999/2000**

1. **C** There were submitted reports (docketed) dated 23 February 1999 by the Director of Finance (1) referring to the 1999/2000 Departmental base estimates for Housing Non-HRA and Housing/Council Tax Benefits expenditure which had previously been noted by the Committee and in which account had been taken of 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 II to each report, a revised summary of CSP adjustments; (3) providing, in Appendix III to each report, explanations of detailed CSP movements; (4) indicating that, to maintain expenditure to the guideline level as intimated by the Secretary of State for Scotland in his letter dated 17 December 1998 (Circular 19/1998), Departments had been requested to bring forward proposals which would contribute to the required expenditure reduction and, in Appendix IV to the report in respect of Housing/Council Tax Benefits expenditure, detailing expenditure reduction proposals and specifying that proposal recommended for acceptance, and (5) recommending that the Committee:-

- (a) approve, from the expenditure reduction proposals detailed within Appendix IV to the report in respect of Housing/Council Tax Benefits expenditure, that shown therein as recommended for acceptance, and
- (b) approve the base budget for the Housing Non-HRA and Housing/Council Tax Benefits expenditure, as detailed in Appendix I to each of the reports.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the Committee note the explanation of detailed CSP movements, as set forth in Appendices III to the reports by the Director of Finance and, for its interest, approve the revised CSP adjustments, as detailed in Appendix II to each of those reports;
- (2) that the Committee approve, for its interest, the proposal to contribute to the Council's overall savings requirement recommended for acceptance, as detailed in Appendix IV to the report in respect of Housing/Council Tax Benefits expenditure, and

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- (3) that the Committee approve, for its interest, the amended base budget for the Housing Non-HRA and Housing/Council Tax Benefits expenditure, as detailed in Appendix I to each of those reports.