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Motherwell, 4th May, 1995 at 8.30 am. At a Meeting of the
INTERIM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

PRESENT: Councillor McGuigan, Chair; Councillors Craig, Craigie, Gray, Hebenton, Lafferty, Logue, Lyle, McCabe, McCulloch, McKendrick, R. McKenna, Mathieson, Moran, Murphy, G. Murray, Pentland, Shaw and Sullivan.

ALSO

PRESENT: Councillors Robertson and Smith.

ATTENDING: Interim Clerk and Adviser.

Accommodation for Council Meetings and Members

25. The Interim Clerk reminded members that, at its first meeting, the Council had remitted the question of permanent accommodation for Council meetings and members to this Committee for further consideration.

Following discussion, the Committee agreed that Cumbernauld and Kilsyth, Monklands and Motherwell District Councils be invited to make presentations as to the accommodation which could be made available in their respective areas for this purpose.

Conference - "Making Change Happen"

26. There was submitted notification from Coopers and Lybrand, inviting the Council to send delegates to a Conference entitled "Making Change Happen" to be held at Dunblane on Thursday, 18th May, 1995.

Following discussion, the Committee agreed that the Council be represented at the Conference by Councillors Logue, McCabe, McGuigan and Murray, whom failing substitute members.

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Exclusion of Public

39. The Committee resolved that, under Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business (taken at the start of the meeting) on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 1 of Part I of Schedule 7A of the Act.

Appointment of Chief Executive

40. With reference to paragraph 38, the Interim Clerk reported that since the meeting of the Committee on 2nd May notification of withdrawal of their applications had been received from Bernard Devine , John A. Markland and Douglas Sinclair. The Committee thereafter proceeded to hear presentations from and interview the remaining candidates on the shortlist as follows, viz:-
Anne P. Mearns, Maurice V.P. Hart, John Milne and Andrew I. Cowe.

Following discussion and division as undernoted, the Committee resolved to appoint Andrew I. Cowe, 73 Wordsworth Way, Bothwell (currently Managing Director, Renfrew District Council) to the post of Chief Executive of North Lanarkshire Council on the basis of the interim salary of \$89,000 per annum and in accordance with conditions of services including date of commencement to be adjusted between the Council and Mr. Cowe. (N.B. Motion, as approved, moved by Councillor Mathieson seconded by Councillor R. McKenna received 18 votes, as against 3 for an amendment, moved by Councillor McKendrick seconded by Councillor Lyle, that John Milne, 29 Woodlands Road, Motherwell (currently Director of Finance and Depute Chief Executive, Motherwell District Council) be appointed to the post of Chief Executive.)

Other Senior Posts

41. The Committee gave initial consideration to the identification of other senior posts which it would be appropriate to fill at an early date.

Following discussion, having heard the Interim Clerk, the Committee agreed to invite the new Chief Executive to submit his preliminary proposals to a further meeting to be held on Tuesday, 9th May at 4 pm.