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| (1) | Minutes of Meeting of the Council on
(copy to follow) | 20 May 1999 |
| (2) | Minutes of Meeting of Sub-Committees previously considered by appropriate parent Committee
(copies to follow) | |
| (a) | Civic Functions Group | 31 March 1999 |
| | General Purposes (Licensing) Sub | 8 April 1999 |
| | General Purposes (Licensing) Sub | 28 April 1999 |
| | General Purposes (Licensing) Sub | 4 May 1999 |
| (b) | Personnel Services (Appeals) Sub | 12 April 1999 |
| | Personnel Services (Sounding Board) Sub | 21 April 1999 |
| (c) | Finance (Appeals) Sub | 16 April 1999 |
| | Adjourned Finance (Appeals) Sub | 16 April 1999 |
| (d) | Housing (Special Cases) Sub | 28 April 1999 |
| (3) | Minutes of Meetings of Committees for approval (copies to follow) | |
| (a) | Special Planning and Environment | 2 June 1999 |
| (b) | Social Work | 8 June 1999 |
| (c) | Construction Services | 8 June 1999 |
| (d) | Economic Development | 9 June 1999 |
| (e) | General Purposes | 9 June 1999 |
| (f) | Community Services | 15 June 1999 |
| (g) | Education | 15 June 1999 |
| (h) | Social Inclusion | 16 June 1999 |
| (i) | Housing and Property Services | 16 June 1999 |
| (j) | Personnel Services | 17 June 1999 |
| (k) | Finance | 17 June 1999 |
| (l) | Special Planning and Environment | 22 June 1999 |
| (m) | Policy and Resources | 22 June 1999 |
| (n) | Planning and Environment | 23 June 1999 |

- (4) Minutes of meeting of
- (a) Special Planning and Environment Committee of 28 June 1999
 - (b) Special Community Services Committee of 30 June 1999
- (copies to be tabled)
- (5) Remits from Committees
- (a) Housing and Property Services Committee held on 16 June 1999
 - (A) Rochsoles Regeneration Proposals (pages 1-3)
Submit report by Director of Housing and Property Services (copy herewith)
 - (B) Land at Cumbernauld Airport (pages 4-10)
Submit report by Director of Housing and Property Services (copy herewith)
 - (b) Planning and Environment Committee held on 23 June 1999 - Policy on Apparatus involving Electro-Magnetic Fields (pages 11-12)
Submit report by Acting Director of Planning and Environment (copy herewith)
 - (c) Policy and Resources Committee held on 22 June 1999
 - (A) North Lanarkshire Council Scheme of Administration (pages 13-59)
Submit report by Director of Administration (copy herewith)
 - (B) Appointments to Sub-Committees, Working Groups and Outside Bodies
 - (C) Committee Timetable (60-63)
Submit report by Director of Administration (copy herewith)
- (6) Notice of Motion by Councillor G. Murray and Councillor Glavin
- “This Council, concerned by the constraints unduly encouraging Local Authorities to adopt PFIs for major capital schemes, calls on the Government to accept the Highland Council’s demand for a Public Enquiry on the full background and implications to the Skye Bridge PFI.
- This was the first major PFI in Scotland and there appears to be a Prima Facie case, that there were dubious negotiations in establishing this PFI, in its Commissioning and in the subsequent financial dealings on this PFI. It also appears that the cost of this PFI will be totally uneconomic to the tax payers.”
- (7) Notice of Motion by Councillor G. Murray and Councillor Lyle
- “This Council, anxious to promote a healthy and constructive relationship with the Scottish Parliament, requests the Parliament, as a priority, to investigate the many serious housing problems in Scotland, as we approach the 21st Century.

One of these problems has been made acute by the previous Westminster Governments Policies of over-encouraging considerable numbers of people with limited financial resources to purchase their houses especially in flatted properties, with discounts of up to 70%.

Many of these people cannot now afford the escalating costs of common and other property repairs.

In certain high-rise flats, owners find their property virtually unsaleable, as potential purchasers cannot obtain loans from Banks and Building Societies.

Racketeers with available cash, are snapping up such properties at knock-down prices. They then let them, without any improvements, to desperate Tenants (some of whom are anti-social) at exorbitant rents paid out of the public purse.

This further depreciates the property and life is made virtually impossible for respectable, Public Authority Tenants and houses owners.

Properties with a useful life are being turned into virtual slums, heading for demolition in the near future.

This Council calls on the Scottish Government to:

1. Introduce a realistic level of grants to householders to match what the Public Authority can do to improve property for tenants.
2. Where these grants are insufficient to allow some householders to participate in desirable repair and improvement schemes, that the Local Authority should be empowered to make mutually agreeable proposals for purchase of part or all of a home to enable essential improvements to take place.
3. This same principle of part or full purchase should also apply to households facing broken marriages or other similar misfortunes, to enable families to remain in their existing homes and not to be unnecessarily evicted, thus becoming homeless, with all the hardship and disruptions that this can incur.

These are only a few of the urgent housing problems that the Scottish Parliament should be considering with the view to priority legislation to ensure that Scottish housing can quickly advance to meeting the people's needs in the 21st Century."

- (8) Lanarkshire Health Board (page 64)
Submit report by Chief Executive (copy herewith)