

STIRLING COUNCIL

MINUTES of SPECIAL MEETING of the STIRLING COUNCIL held in VIEWFORTH, STIRLING on TUESDAY 5 MARCH 1996

Present:-

Councillor John PATERSON in the Chair

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| Councillor Rob BALL | Councillor Brenda HOLLIDAY |
| Councillor Margaret BRISLEY | Councillor Arthur IRONSIDE |
| Councillor Tommy BROOKES | Councillor Pat KELLY |
| Councillor Ken CAMPBELL | Councillor Ian LAMBIE |
| Councillor Tom COLL | Councillor Corrie McCHORD |
| Councillor David DAVIDSON | Councillor Catherine ORGAN |
| Councillor Ann DICKSON | Councillor Helen SCOTT |
| Councillor Keith HARDING | Councillor Ann STRANG |
| Councillor Tom HAZEL | Councillor Gillie THOMSON |
| Councillor John HENDRY | Councillor Ian WYLES |
| Councillor Helen HODGINS | |

In Attendance:-

Mr Bill Dickson, Director of Finance and Information Services
Mr Bob Jack, Director of Civic Services
Mr Gordon Jeyes, Director of Education Services
Mr Tom McCormack, Director of Technical Services
Mr David Martin, Director of Environmental Services
Ms Helen Munro, Director of Community Services
Ms Jill Preston, Director of Housing and Social Services
Mr Keith Yates, Chief Executive

SC106 JOINT BOARD REVENUE BUDGETS 1996/97

The Joint Boards for Police, Fire and Valuation had now considered their respective revenue budgets for 1996/97 and a Report submitted by the Director of Finance and Information Services outlined the implications of those budgets for Stirling Council.

The Budget Reports considered by each Joint Board had been circulated with the Report for information.

Decision

To note the revenue budgets of each Joint Board and approve the undernoted shares of expenditure to be met by Stirling Council –

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| Central Scotland Police Joint Board | £4.639M |
| Central Scotland Fire Board | £2.820M |
| Central Scotland Valuation Board | <u>£0.756M</u> |
| Total | <u>£8.215M</u> |

(Reference – Report by Director of Finance and Information Services dated 27th February, 1996, submitted)

SC107 REVENUE BUDGET 1996/97 – DETERMINATION OF COUNCIL TAX

With the information contained in the report to the Council on 15th February, 1996 (paragraph SC98 refers) and the budget strategy as determined at the adjourned Meeting of the Council on 22nd February (paragraph SC104 refers) the Council now had all the information required to determine the overall net revenue expenditure for 1996/97 and the level of Council Tax.

Recommendations from each of the Council's Committee on the growth/reduction proposals for 1996/97 which had subsequently been recommended for approval by the Resources Committee, were tabled (paragraphs SE8, EQ1, CH10, CM1, CA1, RS1 and RS2 refer).

Motion

That the Council –

- (1) accept the recommendation of the Resources Committee that the proposals for budget reductions and growth agreed by Committees on 29th February be accepted and accordingly;
- (2) that a sum of £300,000 be set aside for corporate policy growth to be allocated in due course by the Resources Committee;
- (3) that the total net revenue expenditure for 1996/97 be set at £98.481M;
- (4) that in addition a sum of £750,000 be set aside as revenue balances for 1996/97;
- (5) to levy a Council Tax in 1996/97 of £678 to be paid in respect of a chargeable dwelling in Band D;
- (6) a Council Tax to be paid in respect of a chargeable dwelling in each of the other valuation bands in accordance with Section 74(1) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992;
- (7) to impress upon Service Directors the need to manage Services within the revenue budget allocated to their Service and for appropriate Service monitoring arrangements to be put in place to achieve this; and
- (8) to request that the Director of Finance and Information Services bring forward a Report for consideration by the Resources Committee on arrangements for managing and monitoring the revenue budget during the course of the year, including arrangements for reviewing underlying budgets and undertaking value for money initiatives.

Moved by Councillor Coll, seconded by Councillor McChord.

First Amendment

That the Council approve an alternative budget strategy tabled by the Conservative Group and levy a Council Tax in 1996/97 of £561 to be paid in respect of a chargeable dwelling in Band D.

Moved by Councillor Harding, seconded by Councillor Davidson.

Second Amendment

That the Council approve reinstatements to the budget amounting to £506,000 as detailed in a paper tabled by the Scottish Nationalist Group which would increase the Council's revenue budget for 1996/97 above the capping limit.

Moved by Councillor Lambie, seconded by Councillor Campbell.

Decision

- (1) On a first division the First Amendment was carried against the Second Amendment by 7 votes to 2.
- (2) On a second division the Motion was carried against the First Amendment by 13 votes to 7 and it was agreed accordingly that the Council –
 - (a) accept the recommendation of the Resources Committee that the proposals for budget reductions and growth agreed by Committees on 29th February be accepted;
 - (b) that a sum of £300,000 be set aside for corporate policy growth to be allocated in due course by the Resources Committee;
 - (c) that the total net revenue expenditure for 1996/97 be set at £98.481M;
 - (d) that in addition a sum of £750,000 be set aside as revenue balances for 1996/97;
 - (e) to levy a Council Tax in 1996/97 of £678 to be paid in respect of a chargeable dwelling in Band D (all as detailed in the Appendix to this Minute);
 - (f) a Council Tax to be paid in respect of a chargeable dwelling in each of the other valuation bands in accordance with Section 74(1) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992;
 - (g) to impress upon Service Directors the need to manage Services within the revenue budget allocated to their Service and for appropriate Service monitoring arrangements to be put in place to achieve this; and
 - (h) to request that the Director of Finance and Information Services bring forward a Report for consideration by the Resources Committee on arrangements for managing and monitoring the revenue budget during the course of the year, including arrangements for reviewing underlying budgets and undertaking value for money initiatives.

(Reference – Reports by Director of Finance and Information Services dated 29th February, 1996 and Excerpts from Minutes of Meetings of the Social and Economic Committee, Environmental Quality Committee, Children's Committee, Community Committee, Care Committee and Resources Committee of 29th February, 1996, submitted).

APPENDIX

Stirling Council

Budget Strategy – 1996/97

Level of Council Tax

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| Average Loans Fund Interest Rate | | 8.50% |
| Provision for Revenue Balances | | £750,000 |
| Council Tax Collection Level | | 96.5% |
| | | £'000 |
| Expenditure pegged at Capping Limit | | 88,316 |
| Expenditure Outwith Capping | £'000 | |
| Urban Programme Expenditure (Net of Grant) | 338 | |
| Housing Benefit Awards (Net of Subsidy) | 667 | |
| Non-HRA Expenditure | 602 | |
| Specific Grants (Excl. Urban Prog & Police) | (660) | |
| Police (Incl Grant) | (4,214) | |
| Fire | 362 | |
| Valuation | 8 | |
| Loan & Leasing Charges | 12,095 | |
| Capital Finance from Current Revenue (CFCR) | <u>967</u> | <u>10,165</u> |
| Net Revenue Expenditure | | 98,481 |
| Add: Provision for Revenue Balances | | <u>750</u> |
| Total Amount to be Funded | | 99,231 |
| Less: External Funding | | |
| Revenue Support Grant | 57,873 | |
| Non-Domestic Rate Income | <u>20,983</u> | <u>78,856</u> |
| Net Expenditure to be met from Council Tax | | <u>20,375</u> |
| Band D Collection Level at | 96.5% | £30,051 |
| Equivalent Band D Council Tax | | £678 |
| Existing Council Tax | | £577 |
| Increase | | 17.5% |