

ANGUS COUNCIL

MINUTE of SPECIAL MEETING of the **EDUCATION COMMITTEE** held in the Town and County Hall, Forfar on Thursday 13 February 2003 at 2.13 pm.

Present: Councillors BRIAN MILNE, SHEENA WELSH, PROVOST MRS FRANCES E DUNCAN OBE, Councillors JACK GIBB, DAVID LUMGAIR, STEWART McGLYNN, GLENNIS MIDDLETON, ROBERT MYLES, PETER NIELD, GEORGE NORRIE, KITTY RITCHIE, RON SCRIMGEOUR and SANDY WEST; MR PETER ANDREWS and MR BRIAN McHARDY.

Apology: An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Father JAMES FOLEY.

Councillor MILNE, Convener, in the Chair.

Councillor Welsh declared an interest in page 10 of Report No 186/03 (third party payments)

1. PROVISIONAL REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGETS 2003/2004

There were submitted (a) Report No 185/03 by the Director of Finance, being a background Report apprising members of the Provisional Revenue Budget submissions of each Council Department and of the departmental budget cuts considered necessary to allow the Council to deliver a Revenue Budget within the resources expected to be available and also setting out the Provisional Capital Budget submissions for those Departments with capital expenditure; (b) Report No 186/03 by the Director of Finance, being the Provisional Revenue Budget Volume, together with a commentary by each Head of Department; (c) Report No 187/03 by the Director of Finance, being the Departmental Budget Cuts Proposals Volume; and (d) Report No 188/03 by the Director of Finance, being the Provisional Capital Budget 2003/2004.

Councillors Lumgair, Myles, Nield and Norrie indicated that they would not be supporting this budget, but rather than move an amendment at this meeting, reserved their position to the special meeting of the Council.

The Committee agreed:

- (i) to note the Education provisional base revenue budget submission for 2003/04 as contained in pages 4 to 22 of the Provisional Revenue Budget Volume (Report 186/03) and the budget cuts proposals as contained in pages 6 to 8 of the Departmental Budget Cuts Proposals Volume (Report 187/03);
- (ii) to approve the budget cuts for the Education department totalling £859,000;
- (iii) to approve the revised budget net expenditure for the Education department resulting from 1 and 2 above and recommend accordingly to the Council at the Council Tax setting meeting; and
- (iv) to approve the Education provisional capital budget for 2003/04 as contained in pages 6 to 9 of the Provisional Capital Budget Volume (Report 188/03).