

ANGUS COUNCIL

MINUTE of Special MEETING of the **STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE** held in the Town and County Hall, Forfar on Thursday 9 February 2006 at 2.09 pm.

Present: Councillors ROB MURRAY, BILL ROBERTON, IAN ANGUS, FRANK ELLIS, JACK GIBB, ALEX KING, IAN MACKINTOSH, GLENNIS MIDDLETON, JOY MOWATT, BOB MYLES, GEORGE NORRIE MBE, DAVID SELFRIDGE, JENNIFER SPEIRS, RICHARD SPEIRS and TERRY WOOD.

Councillor MURRAY, Convener in the Chair.

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Committee agreed to note that no declarations of interest were made.

2. PROVISIONAL REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGETS 2006/2007

There were submitted (a) [Report No 152/06](#) by the Acting 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) [Joint Report No 153/06](#) by the Chief Executive and the Acting Director of Finance apprising members of the outcomes from a number of Best Value and Efficient Government Initiative Reviews that had been undertaken in recent months and outlining the impact of the recommendations from these reviews on the 2006/2007 Revenue Budget, the efficiency savings identified from these reviews forming an integral part of the 2006/2007 budget considerations; (c) [Report No 154/06](#) by the Acting Director of Finance being the Provisional Revenue Budget volume, together with a commentary by each Head of Department; (d) [Report No 155/06](#) by the Acting Director of Finance being the Departmental Budget Cuts Volume; and (e) [Report No 156/06](#) by the Acting Director of Finance, being the Provisional Capital Budget 2006/2007.

Councillors Mackintosh, Myles, Norrie, Jennifer Speirs, Richard Speirs and Wood indicated that they wished to reserve their position on the budget to the special meeting of the Council.

The Committee agreed:-

- (i) to note the provisional base revenue budget submission for 2006/07 of the Chief Executive's Department (excluding Economic Development and Personnel), as contained in pages 82 to 85 of the Provisional Revenue Budget Volume (Report No 154/06);
- (ii) to note the budget cuts proposals of the Chief Executive's Department (excluding Economic Development and Personnel), as contained in pages 20 and 21 of the Departmental Budget Cuts Proposals Volume (Report No 155/06);
- (iii) to approve the budget cuts for the Chief Executive's Department (excluding Economic Development and Personnel), totalling £16,000;
- (iv) to approve the revised budget net expenditure for Chief Executive's Department (excluding Economic Development and Personnel), resulting from (i) to (iii) above and recommend accordingly to the Council at the Council Tax setting meeting; and
- (v) to note the content of Report No 153/06 on Best Value and Efficient Government Initiative Reviews 2006/07 and approve the efficiency savings identified for the Chief Executive's Department (excluding Economic Development and Personnel), totalling £16,000.