

ANGUS COUNCIL

MINUTE of Special MEETING of the **EDUCATION COMMITTEE** held in the Town and County Hall, Forfar on Thursday 9 February 2012 at 2.02 pm.

Present: Councillors PETER NIELD, MARGARET THOMSON, ALISON ANDREWS, BRIAN BOYD, MAIRI EVANS, JEAN LEE, DAVID LUMGAIR, DAVID MAY, DONALD MORRISON, ROB MURRAY, BOB MYLES, JOHN RYMER, MARK SALMOND, PAUL VALENTINE and SHEENA WELSH.

Teacher Representatives: Mr DAVID DRYSDALE and Mr PHILIP JACKSON.

Councillor NIELD, Convener, in the Chair.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Mr David Adams and Mrs Patricia Millar.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors Nield and Thomson declared an interest in item 3 as they were serving teachers albeit not with Angus Council. They indicated that they would participate in discussion and voting on the matter.

3. REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGETS 2012/2013

There were submitted (a) [Joint Report No 87/12](#) by the Director of Education and the Director of Corporate Services advising members of revenue and capital expenditure for the period 1 April to 31 December 2011, together with the anticipated year end position in respect of the Education Department; (b) [Report No 92/12](#) by the Chief Executive seeking approval of the draft Education Service Improvement Plan for 2012/2013 and advising members of the preparation of the Plan within the context of both the budget setting process and the Corporate Plan; (c) [Joint Report No 96/12](#) by the Director of Corporate Services and the Head of Finance advising members of the provisional revenue budget of each Council department and of the departmental budget savings considered necessary to allow the Council to deliver a sustainable revenue budget within the resources expected to be available and also setting out the provisional capital budget submissions for those departments with capital expenditure; (d) [Joint Report No 97/12](#) by the Director of Corporate Services and the Head of Finance being the provisional revenue budget volume, together with a commentary by each Head of Department; (e) [Joint Report No 98/12](#) by the Director of Corporate Services and the Head of Finance being the proposed department budget savings volume and (f) [Joint Report No 99/12](#) by the Director of Corporate Services and Head of Finance being the provisional capital budget for 2012/13.

Councillors Evans, Lee, Morrison, Murray, Valentine and Welsh indicated that they wished to reserve their position on the budget to the special meeting of the Council.

Having heard from David Drysdale, the Committee agreed:-

- (i) to approve the recommendations as set out in Report No 87/12 relating to the 2011/12 Budget Monitoring position;
- (ii) to approve the draft 2012/13 Service Improvement Plan for Education;
- (iii) to note and approve the new burdens, budget issues and review of charges applicable to Education as detailed in Report No 96/12 (Appendices 2 and 5);
- (iv) to note the Education provisional base revenue budget submission for 2012/13 as contained in pages 5 to 21 of the Provisional Revenue Budget Volume (Report No 97/12);

- (v) to note the budget savings proposals of Education as contained in pages 5 to 7 of the Departmental Budget Savings Proposals Volume (Report No 98/12);
- (vi) to approve the budget savings for the Education department totalling £2,408,000;
- (vii) to approve the revised budgeted net expenditure for the Education department resulting from (iii) to (vi) above and recommend accordingly to the Council at the Council Tax setting meeting; and
- (viii) to approve the Education provisional capital budget for 2012/13 as contained in pages 27 to 30 of the Provisional Capital Budget Volume (Report No 99/12) and recommend accordingly to the Council at the Council Tax setting meeting.