

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Minute of Special Council Meeting held in the Council Chambers, Fourth Floor, Council Building, 2 High Street, Perth on Thursday 8 February 2007 at 2.00pm.

Present: Provost Scott, Councillors Baird, Barnacle, Barr, Barrett, Bushby, Caddell, Coburn, Cowan, Culliven, Doig, , Ellis, Flynn, Gillies, A Grant, E Grant, Hayton, Howie, Hulbert, Lennie (until Art. 77), Livingstone, Lyall, Mair, McDonald, McEwen, MacLellan, Miller, Mulheron, Robertson, D Scott, Simpson, Stewart, Telfer, Wilson and Young.

Also Attending: B Malone (Chief Executive) (from Art. 76); J Irons (Depute Chief Executive), T Yule, J Dean, J Jarvie, S Welsh, A Wilson and M Kay (all Chief Executive's); A R McArthur (Executive Director – Corporate Services), J Symon, I Innes, S McKenzie, A O'Brien, C Flynn, G Henderson, S Kettles (until Art. 77) and L Sanchez (all Corporate Services); D Roberts (Executive Director – Housing & Community Care), D Burke (Depute Director – Housing & Community Care) (until Art. 77), S McRobbie and P Blyth (all Housing & Community Care); S Powell (Executive Director – Education & Children's Services), A Taylor, G Boland, H Richardson, C Archibald, P Leslie and N Copland (all Education & Children's Services).

Apologies: Councillors Crabbie, Dow, Hunter, Jack, Lloyd and Lumsden.

Provost Scott, Presiding.

COUNCILLOR JAMES DOIG – AWARD OF OBE

Prior to the commencement of the meeting Provost Scott, on behalf of the Council, congratulated Councillor Doig on receiving an OBE in the New Year's Honours List for his services to Local Government over many years.

75. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

As the budget reflected all of the Council's activities, and most Councillors would have some form of interest in some part of the budget proposals, it was agreed that for the purposes of the budget debate and to allow elected members to exercise their role as Councillors, there was no need for any Member to declare an interest and leave the Chamber unless the debate centred on any specific area where a Councillor had an interest. In that event any such interest should be declared for the sake of transparency but unless it amounted to a significant interest that Member could continue to take part.

76. REVENUE BUDGET 2007-2008 – BUDGET REPORT No. 3

There was submitted a report by the Head of Finance (07/91) summarising the Revenue Budget process for 2007-2008.

MOTION (COUNCILLORS DOIG AND MILLER)

The Council agrees:

- 1. To approve the 2007-08 Provisional Revenue Budget of £258,379,000 as set out in Appendix 1 of Report 07/91.**
- 2. To approve a provision for non-collection of Council Tax of 2.5% in 2007-08.**
- 3. To approve the carry forward of resources from 2006-07 into 2007-08 under the terms of the Council's Revenue Budget Flexibility Scheme as set out in Appendix 2 to Report 07/91. Additionally to approve the proposals for Quality of Life expenditure at Appendix 3 of Report 07/91.**
- 4. To approve implementing the budgetary proposals for 2007-08 set out in Appendix 4 of Report 07/91 with the exception of the savings in Appendix I below.**
- 5. To approve the additional expenditure proposals in Appendix II below.**
- 6. To approve the additional contributions and savings in Appendix III below.**
- 7. To make a contribution to a Contingency Fund of £166,000 in 2007-08.**

8. To approve the Final Revenue Budget in 2007-08 of £268,718,000 resulting in a Band D Council Tax of £1,158 in 2007-08 as summarised in Appendix IV below. This represents an increase of 1.9% in 2007-08 including 1% for the Investment in Learning project.
9. That a single Council Tax discount rate of 10% in respect of long term unoccupied and unfurnished dwellings and second homes, be applied in 2007-08 throughout Perth & Kinross under the terms of the Council Tax (Discount for Unoccupied Dwellings) (Scotland) Regulations 2005

Appendix I

	Reference Report 07/91 (Appendix 4) Page No	2007/08	
		£'000	£'000
<u>Reinstate Proposed Savings / Delete Pressures</u>			
<u>Education & Children's Services</u>			
Reinstate funding allocated to support Childcare initiatives	3	100	
Reinstate 9 part time youth/adult staff who support professional workers	3	40	
Reinstate Service Level Agreements with PKL, Pitlochry Festival Theatre and Horsecross	3	300	
Reinstate library services	4	15	
Reinstate schools DSM supply budget	5	315	
Reinstate saving on staff slippage target	5	265	
Reinstate centrally deployed Primary Learning support teachers	6	975	
Reinstate centrally deployed ASN & behavioural support teachers	6	169	
Reinstate 2% reduction in DSM budgets	7	<u>1,200</u>	
			3,379
<u>Housing & Community Care Services</u>			
Reinstate funding of Service Level Agreements	8	196	
Reinstate meal provision	8	576	
Reinstate Welfare Rights Service	8	62	
Reinstate charges for client transport to older people day centres	10	91	
Reinstate New charges for Client transport to Learning Disability Adult Resource Centres	10	274	
Reinstate Change in charging policy for Home Care - Flat rate charge of £5 per week	10	96	
Reinstate Change in charging policy for Day Care - Flat Rate Charge of £20 per session	10	200	
Reinstate 198 residential/nursing placements	10	2,332	
Partially reinstate: introduction of charging for Community Alarms at £3 per week from 1 October 2007	11	474	
Reinstate Mental Health Services to take forward planned day care developments	11	51	
Reinstate 71 residential placements	11	671	
			5,023
<u>Environment</u>			
Reinstate street lighting maintenance expenditure	18	100	
Delete expenditure pressure for landfill fines	20	(114)	
Reinstate revenue contribution to capital for play equipment	21	32	
Reinstate charges for toilets to 30p	21	10	
Reinstate street sweeping wages budget	22	<u>50</u>	
			78
<u>Chief Executive</u>			
Reinstate Financial Assistance budget	28	<u>12</u>	
			12

	Reference Report 07/91 (Appendix 4) Page No	2007/08	
		£'000	£'000
<u>Corporate Services</u>			
Reinstate corporate services income target for charging to outside organisations	29	20	
Reinstate Planned & Unplanned maintenance	34	1,145	
Reinstate external maintenance on core network equipment	37	38	
Reinstate Planned Maintenance	40	164	
Reinstate weekend opening at 2 High Street	41	5	
Reinstate property posts	43	90	
			1,462
TOTAL			<u>9,954</u>

Appendix II

Additional Expenditure Proposals

	2007-08 £000
Perth and Kinross Leisure	167
PKAVS	20
Horsecross	100
Planning officers	85
Youth workers in Education & Children's Services	50
Small environment schemes for the improvement of public space (one year only)	200
Enhanced Services to Carers (Community Care)	165
Increase in Community Care Direct Payments budget	100
TOTAL	<u>887</u>

Appendix III

Additional Savings

	2007/08 £000
Inflationary increase in Home Care Charges	(12)
Reduction in Corporate Services Strategic Long Term Pressures budget (non recurring)	(90)
Additional Sheriff Officer's Fees	(100)
Additional Architect's Fees (recurring)	(100)
Additional Architect's Fees (non recurring)	(200)
Contribution from balances	(564)
TOTAL	<u>(1,066)</u>

Appendix IV

2007-08 COUNCIL TAX CALCULATION

	2007-08 £'000
Provisional 2007-08 Revenue Budget	258,379
Adjustments:	
Reinstate proposed savings / Delete pressures (Appendix I)	9,954
Add Additional Expenditure Proposals (Appendix II)	887
Add Additional Contributions and Savings (Appendix III)	(502)
	<u>10,339</u>
Sub-total	268,718

	2007-08 £'000
<u>Estimated Income</u>	
Aggregate External Finance (excluding specific grant)	(197,355)
Budget Flexibility	(2,766)
Net Use of Balances earmarked in provisional budget	(158)
Use of Balances (Appendix III)	(564)
	<u>(200,843)</u>
 AMOUNT TO BE LEVIED FROM COUNCIL TAX	 67,875
TAX BASE BAND D EQUIVALENT PROPERTIES (2.5% Non Collection)	58,614
2007-08 BAND D COUNCIL TAX	<u>£ 1,158</u>
INCREASE (2006-07 BAND D COUNCIL TAX £1,136)	<u>£ 22</u>
PERCENTAGE INCREASE	<u>1.9%</u>

Excluding Water & Sewerage charges determined by Scottish Water

1ST AMENDMENT (COUNCILLORS STEWART AND BAIRD)

The Council agrees:

1. To approve the 2007-08 Provisional Revenue Budget of £258,379,000 as set out in Appendix 1 of Report 07/91.
2. To approve a provision for non-collection of Council Tax of 2.5% in 2007-08.
3. To approve the carry forward of resources from 2006-07 into 2007-08 under the terms of the Council's Revenue Budget Flexibility Scheme as set out in Appendix 2 of Report 07/91. Additionally to approve the proposals for Quality of Life expenditure at Appendix 3 of Report 07/91.
4. To approve implementing the budgetary proposals for 2007-08 set out in Appendix 4 to Report 07/91 with the exception of the savings in Appendix I below.
5. To approve the additional contributions and savings in Appendix II below.
6. To approve the Final Revenue Budget in 2007-08 of £267,753,000 resulting in a Band D Council Tax of £1,146 in 2007-08 as summarised in Appendix III below. This represents an increase of 0.9% in 2007-08.
7. That a single Council Tax discount rate of 10% in respect of long term unoccupied and unfurnished dwellings and second homes, be applied in 2007-08 throughout Perth & Kinross under the terms of the Council Tax (Discount for Unoccupied Dwellings) (Scotland) Regulations 2005.

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<u>Reinstate Proposed Savings</u>			
<u>Education & Children's Services</u>			
Reinstate review of SLA with Scottish Childminders Association	3	55	
Reinstate funding allocated to support Childcare initiatives	3	100	
Reinstate 9 part time youth/adult staff who support professional workers	3	40	
Reinstate Service Level Agreements with PKL, Pitlochry Festival Theatre and Horsecross	3	300	
Reinstate Youth, Community, Arts & Culture supplies & services budget	4	20	
Reinstate library services	4	15	

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Reinstate schools DSM supply budget	5	315	
Reinstate centrally deployed Primary Learning support teachers	6	975	
Reinstate centrally deployed ASN & behavioural support teachers	6	169	
Reinstate 2% reduction in DSM budgets	7	<u>1,200</u>	3,189
<u>Housing & Community Care Services</u>			
Reinstate funding of Service Level Agreements	8	196	
Reinstate meal provision	8	576	
Reinstate Welfare Rights Service	8	62	
Reinstate charges for client transport to older people day centres	10	91	
Reinstate New charges for Client transport to Learning Disability Adult Resource Centres	10	274	
Reinstate Change in charging policy for Home Care - Flat rate charge of £5 per week	10	96	
Reinstate Change in charging policy for Day Care -Flat Rate Charge of £20 per session	10	200	
Reinstate 198 residential/nursing placements	10	2,332	
Reinstate Community Alarms	11	667	
Reinstate Mental Health Services to take forward planned day care developments	11	51	
Reinstate 71 residential placements	11	<u>671</u>	5,216
<u>Environment</u>			
Reinstate street lighting maintenance expenditure	18	100	
Reinstate Road Maintenance	18	63	
Reinstate Trade Waste Charges	19	105	
Delete expenditure pressure for Landfill fines	20	(114)	
Reinstate charges for toilets to 30p	21	10	
Reinstate Street Sweeping wages budget	22	<u>50</u>	214
<u>Chief Executive</u>			
Reinstate Financial Assistance budget	28	<u>12</u>	12
<u>Corporate Services</u>			
Reinstate Planned & Unplanned maintenance	34	1,145	
Reinstate Planned Maintenance	40	<u>164</u>	1,309
TOTAL			<u><u>9,940</u></u>
<u>Appendix II</u>			
<u>Additional Savings & Contributions</u>		2007/08 £000	
Delete Contingency Budget			(166)
Additional Sheriff Officer's Fees			(100)
Additional Architect's Fees			(300)
Contribution from balances			(302)
TOTAL			<u><u>(868)</u></u>

Appendix III

2007-08 COUNCIL TAX CALCULATION

**2007-08
£'000**

Provisional 2007-08 Revenue Budget		258,379
Adjustments:		
Reinstate proposed savings & delete pressures (Appendix I)	9,940	
Add Additional Contributions and Savings (Appendix II)	(566)	
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		9,374
Sub-total		267,753
<u>Estimated Income</u>		
Aggregate External Finance (excluding specific grant)	(197,355)	
Budget Flexibility	(2,766)	
Net Use of Balances earmarked in provisional budget	(158)	
Use of balances (Appendix II)	(302)	
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		(200,581)
AMOUNT TO BE LEVIED FROM COUNCIL TAX		67,172
TAX BASE BAND D EQUIVALENT PROPERTIES (2.5% Non Collection)		58,614
2007-08 BAND D COUNCIL TAX		<hr/>
		£ 1,146
INCREASE (2006-07 BAND D COUNCIL TAX £1,136)		<hr/>
		£ 10
PERCENTAGE INCREASE		<hr/>
		0.9%

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2nd AMENDMENT (COUNCILLORS MACLELLAN AND FLYNN)

The Council agrees:

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4. To approve implementing the budgetary proposals for 2007-08 set out in Appendix 4 to Report 07/91 with the exception of the savings in Appendix I below.
5. To approve the additional expenditure proposals in Appendix II below.
6. To approve the additional savings in Appendix III below.
7. To approve the Final Revenue Budget in 2007-08 of £268,154,000 resulting in a Band D Council Tax of £1,158 in 2007-08 as summarised in Appendix IV below. This represents an increase of 1.9% in 2007-08 including 1% for the Investment in Learning project.
8. That a single Council Tax discount rate of 10% in respect of long term unoccupied and unfurnished dwellings and second homes, be applied in 2007-08 throughout Perth & Kinross under the terms of the Council Tax (Discount for Unoccupied Dwellings) (Scotland) Regulations 2005.

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Reinstate 9 part time youth/adult staff who support professional workers	3	40	
Reinstate Service Level Agreements with PKL, Pitlochry Festival Theatre & Horsecross	3	300	
Reinstate core budget for music instructors	3	60	
Reinstate Youth, Community, Arts & Culture supplies & services budget	4	20	
Reinstate library services	4	15	
Reinstate schools DSM supply budget	5	315	
Partially reinstate staff slippage target	5	136	
Reinstate centrally deployed Primary Learning support teachers	6	975	
Reinstate centrally deployed ASN & behavioural support teachers	6	169	
Reinstate 2% reduction in DSM budgets	7	1,200	
			3,385
<u>Housing & Community Care Services</u>			
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Reinstate Road Maintenance	18	63	
Delete expenditure pressure for Landfill fines	20	(114)	
Reinstate Street Sweeping wages budget	22	50	
			99
<u>Chief Executive</u>			
Reinstate Events budget	26	20	
Reinstate Financial Assistance budget	28	12	
			32
<u>Corporate Services</u>			
Reinstate Planned & Unplanned maintenance	34	1,145	
Reinstate Planned Maintenance	40	164	
			1,309
TOTAL			<u>10,041</u>

Appendix II

Expenditure Proposals

	2007-08 £000
Horsecross	100
TOTAL	100

Appendix III

Additional Savings

	2007/08 £000
Delete Contingency Budget	(166)
Additional Sheriff Officer's Fees	(100)
Additional Architect's Fees	(100)
TOTAL	(366)

Appendix IV

2007-08 COUNCIL TAX CALCULATION

	2007-08 £'000
Provisional 2007-08 Revenue Budget	258,379
Adjustments:	
Reinstate proposed savings & delete pressures (Appendix I)	10,041
Add Additional Expenditure Pressures (Appendix II)	100
Add Additional Contributions and Savings (Appendix III)	(366)
	9,775
Sub-total	268,154
<u>Estimated Income</u>	
Aggregate External Finance (excluding specific grant)	(197,355)
Budget Flexibility	(2,766)
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PERCENTAGE INCREASE	1.9%

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Thereafter, the meeting was adjourned for 25 minutes, recommencing at 3.00pm.

Second Amendment – 20 votes

First Amendment – 7 votes

Second Amendment - 5 votes

Motion - 23 Votes

Resolved:

In accordance with the Motion.

COUNCILLOR LENNIE LEFT THE MEETING AT THIS POINT.

77. COMPOSITE CAPITAL BUDGET 2007/08 – 2009/10

There was submitted a report by the Head of Finance (07/90) outlining the proposed budget for the Composite Capital Programme for the three years 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10 and the proposed Prudential Indicators for the same period.

The Head of Finance advised Members of the Executive's announcement of additional capital funding of £1.74m for 2007/08 and that a report thereon would be submitted to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee.

Resolved:

- (i) The provisional Gross Capital Budget of £52,622,000 for 2007/08, £24,610,000 for 2008/09 and £15,224,000 for 2009/10 attached at Appendices III and IV to Report 07/90 be approved.
- (ii) The Prudential Indicators as described at Section 5 and detailed at Appendices V and VI to Report 07/90 be approved.