

## SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Minute of Special Meeting of Perth and Kinross Council held in the Council Chambers, Fourth Floor, Council Building, 2 High Street, Perth on Thursday 14 February 2008 at 2.00pm.

Present: Provost Hulbert, Councillors K Baird, R Band, M Barnacle, P Barrett, L Caddell, I Campbell, J Coburn, A Cowan, B Ellis, J Flynn, A Gaunt, C Gillies, A Grant, E Grant, G Hayton, A Jack, J Kellas, J Law, W Lumsden, K Lyall, M Lyle, E Maclachlan, A MacLellan, H McDonald, D Melloy, I Miller, S Miller, P Mulheron, M Roberts, W Robertson, L Simpson, A Stewart, H Stewart, B Vaughan, W Wilson, A Wylie and A Younger.

Also Attending: B Malone, Chief Executive; J Irons, Depute Chief Executive; T Yule, A Wilson, J Dickson, J Gilchrist, J Jarvie, S Whitnall, L Simpson, A Taylor and D Anderson (all Chief Executive's Service); G Stevenson, Executive Director (Corporate Services); J Symon, S Mackenzie, I Innes, S Walker, D Robertson, J Jennings and A Nairn (all Corporate Services); J Valentine, Depute Director (The Environment Service); J Fyffe, Executive Director (Education and Children's Services); M Walker, A Taylor and G Boland (all Education & Children's Services); D Roberts, Executive Director (Housing and Community Care); D Burke, Depute Director (Housing and Community Care); and B Atkinson (Housing and Community Care).

Apologies: Councillors D Scott and C Shiers.

Provost Hulbert, Presiding.

Prior to the commencement of business the Provost referred to the sad death of the late Councillor Eleanor Howie, who passed away on 26 December 2007, and paid tribute to her commitment and dedication to the community and the Council. She would be sadly missed.

### 100. 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.

### 101. REVENUE BUDGET 2008/2009 TO 2010/2011 – BUDGET REPORT NO. 2

There was submitted a report by the Head of Finance (08/94) summarising the Revenue Budget process for 2008/2008 to 2010/2011.

**Resolved:**

#### (a) Revenue Budget 2008/09

##### MOTION (COUNCILLORS I MILLER AND G HAYTON)

The Council agrees:

1. To approve the 2008/09 Provisional Revenue Budget of £317,535,000 as set out in Appendix 1 of Report 08/94.
2. To approve a provision for non-collection of Council Tax of 2.5% in 2008/09.
3. To approve the carry forward of resources from 2007/08 into 2008/09 under the terms of the Council's Revenue Budget Flexibility Scheme as set out in Appendix 2 to Report 08/94.
4. To approve the implementation of the budgetary proposals for 2008/09 set out in Appendix 5 to Report 08/94 with the exception of the savings in Appendix I.
5. To approve the additional expenditure proposals in Appendix II.

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6. To approve the additional expenditure proposals (Funded from Reserves) in Appendix III.
7. To augment the Council's uncommitted General Fund Reserves by £2 million. This to be achieved by reducing the amount of capital expenditure funded from Reserves in 2007/08. The additional capital financing costs of £10,000 in 2007/08 and £149,000 in 2008/09 will be met from the Capital Fund. From 2009/10 the additional annual cost of £148,000 will be met from the Council's General Fund Revenue Budget.
8. To approve the Final Revenue Budget in 2008/09 of £320,352,000 resulting in a Band D Council Tax of £1,158 in 2008/09 as summarised in Appendix IV. This represents no increase from the Band D figure for 2007/08.
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 2008/09 throughout Perth & Kinross under the terms of the Council Tax (Discount for Unoccupied Dwellings) (Scotland) Regulations 2005.

		<b>APPENDIX I</b>	
		<b>Reference Report 08/94 (Appendix 5) Page No</b>	<b>2008/09 £'000    £'000</b>
<b><u>Reject Proposed Savings</u></b>			
<b><u>Education &amp; Children's Services</u></b>			
Revised Let Charges following Kaizen Blitz	4	75	
Review of ECS charges - 5% increase in Music; Kids Clubs; & Blairgowrie Sports Centre charges	4	40	
10% reduction in all Parent Council budgets	5	5	
5% reduction in grant to Perth & Kinross Leisure	6	165	
10% reduction in grant to Pitlochry Festival Theatre	6 & 9	20	
10% reduction in grant to Horsecross	6 & 9	140	
Remove Expressive Arts/PE Service - Nursery & Primary	7	150	
15% reduction in Children's & Family Services Locum budget	8	10	
20% reduction in classroom assistants	8	105	
Review of Learning & Teaching Support Team	8	200	
Reduce SLA with National Children's Homes (NCH) PACT	8	47	
Reduce SLA with Muirton Community Nursery	8	40	
Review & Rationalisation of Kids Clubs	9	115	
		1,112	
<b><u>Housing &amp; Community Care Services</u></b>			
Further review of staff rotas to maximise contact time and cessation of overtime payments	20	76	
Partial reinstatement of reduction in level of supplies and services purchased including printing and stationery	20	38	
Reduction in Service Level Agreements with Voluntary Sector	20	110	
Supporting People - Review of Commissioned Services	20	31	
		255	
<b><u>The Environment Service</u></b>			
Countryside staff costs - non renewal of fixed term assistant access officer post	27	6	
Reduce budget for Traffic Orders	28	11	
Economic Development Projects - Business Gateway Support & Business First	29	13	
		30	
<b>TOTAL</b>		1,397	

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**APPENDIX II**

<b><u>Additional Expenditure Proposals – (Recurring)</u></b>	<b>2008/09 £'000</b>
Rural Development Package	400
- Assistance to Rural Enterprise Projects (£150,000)	
- Assistance to Community Enterprise Projects (£50,000)	
- Local Regeneration Projects (£90,000)	
- Rural Initiatives (£50,000)	
- Rural Business Unit Support (£60,000)	
Expansion & Enhancement of the Homecare Service	250
Community Led Environmental Improvements	200
Expansion of Community Warden Scheme into Muirton, North Muirton & Rattray	180
Community Learning & Development	100
Additional Planning Staff	50
Increased Grant to Perth & Kinross Association of Voluntary Service (PKAVS)	25
P&K/Fife Council Tay Regeneration Partnership	15
Rugby Development	15
Enhance the Dog Warden Service	10
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>1,245</u></b>

**APPENDIX III**

<b><u>Additional Expenditure Proposals – (Non-Recurring) Funded from Reserves</u></b>	<b>2008/09 £'000</b>
Arts Strategy Phase 2 – Developing Proposals for Cultural Campus	150
Perth 800 Anniversary Project	25
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>175</u></b>

**APPENDIX IV**

<b><u>2008/09 COUNCIL TAX CALCULATION</u></b>	<b>2008/09</b>	
	<b>£'000</b>	<b>£'000</b>
<b>Provisional 2008/09 Revenue Budget</b>		317,535
Adjustments:		
Reject proposed savings (Appendix I)	1,397	
Add Additional Expenditure Proposals (Appendix II)	1,245	
Add Additional Expenditure Proposals Funded from Reserves (Appendix III)	175	
	<u>2,817</u>	
Sub-Total		320,352
<b><u>Estimated Income</u></b>		
Aggregate External Finance (excluding specific grant)	(242,050)	
Capital Grants	(2,091)	
Budget Flexibility	(2,072)	
Net Use of Balances earmarked in provisional budget	(4,831)	
Additional Use of Balances (Appendix III)	(175)	
	<u>(251,219)</u>	
AMOUNT TO BE LEVIED FROM COUNCIL TAX		69,133
TAX BASE BAND D EQUIVALENT PROPERTIES (2.5% Non Collection)		59,700
2008/09 BAND D COUNCIL TAX		<b><u>£1,158</u></b>

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INCREASE/DECREASE (2007/08 BAND D COUNCIL TAX £1,158)

£0

PERCENTAGE INCREASE

0.0%

Excluding Water & Sewerage charges determined by Scottish Water.

**FIRST AMENDMENT (COUNCILLORS A STEWART AND K BAIRD)**

The Council agrees:

1. To approve the 2008/09 Provisional Revenue Budget of £317,535,000 as set out in Appendix 1 of Report 08/94.
2. To approve a provision for non-collection of Council Tax of 2.5% in 2008/09.
3. To approve the carry forward of resources from 2007/08 into 2008/09 under the terms of the Council's Revenue Budget Flexibility Scheme as set out in Appendix 2 to Report 08/94.
4. To approve implementing the budgetary proposals for 2008/09 set out in Appendix 5 to Report 08/94 with the exception of the savings in Appendix I.
5. To approve the additional expenditure proposals in Appendix II.
6. To approve the Final Revenue Budget in 2008/09 of £320,177,000 resulting in a Band D Council Tax of £1,158 in 2008/09 as summarised in Appendix III. This represents no increase on the Band D figure for 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 2008/09 throughout Perth & Kinross under the terms of the Council Tax (Discount for Unoccupied Dwellings) (Scotland) Regulations 2005

	<b>Reference Report 08/94 (Appendix 5) Page No</b>	<b>APPENDIX I 2008/09</b>	
<b><u>Reject Proposed Savings</u></b>		<b>£'000</b>	<b>£'000</b>
<b><u>Education &amp; Children's Services</u></b>			
Partial Reinstatement (50%) of Reduction in Costs of Grounds Maintenance	2	50	
Review of ECS charges - 5% increase in Music; Kids Clubs; & Blairgowrie Sports Centre charges	4	40	
35% reduction in National Grid for Learning (NGFL) budget	5	39	
Partial Reinstatement (50%) of Review of EST & IST Functions	6	40	
5% reduction in grant to Perth & Kinross Leisure	6	165	
10% reduction in grant to Pitlochry Festival Theatre	6 & 9	20	
10% reduction in grant to Horsecross	6 & 9	140	
Remove Expressive Arts/PE Service - Nursery	7	50	
15% reduction in Children's & Family Services Locum Budget	8	10	
20% reduction in Classroom Assistants	8	105	
Review of Learning & Teaching Support Team	8	200	
Reduce SLA with National Children's Homes (NCH) PACT	8	47	
Reduce SLA with Muirton Community Nursery	8	40	
Discontinue SLA with Volunteer Befriending Scheme	9	13	
		959	
<b><u>Housing &amp; Community Care Services</u></b>			
Further review of staff rotas to maximise contact time and cessation of overtime payments	20	76	
Reduction in Service Level Agreements with Voluntary Sector	20	110	
Supporting People – Review of Commissioned Services	20	31	
		217	

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**APPENDIX I (cont.)**

	Reference Report 08/94 (Appendix 5) Page No	2008/09	
		£'000	£'000
<b><u>The Environment Service</u></b>			
Partial reinstatement (50%) pass on increased cost of trade waste collection	27	125	
Reduce budget for trees & woodland	28	4	
Reduce bedding and basket maintenance by 20%	28	6	
Parking Services: reject 10% increase in parking charges	29	220	
Economic Development Projects - Business Gateway Support & Business First	29	13	
Reduce plant replacement programme for parks	29	8	
		<hr/>	376
<b>TOTAL</b>			<hr/> <hr/> <b>1,552</b>

**APPENDIX II**

	2008/09 £'000
<b><u>Additional Expenditure Proposals – (Recurring)</u></b>	
Remove charges for the Community Alarm Service	386
Increase Property Maintenance budget	137
Additional provision for Support for Youth Work	110
Increase in budget for Direct Payments	100
Increase provision for Roads Maintenance	100
Additional provision for Support of Migrant Workers	100
Introduce Park & Ride Service from McDiarmid Park Car Park to Perth Royal Infirmary	75
Additional support for Planning Enforcement - 2 additional Planning Enforcement Officers	75
Further reduction of 5% on current Music Tuition Fees	7
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<b>TOTAL</b>	<hr/> <hr/> <b>1,090</b>

**APPENDIX III**

	2008/09	
	£'000	£'000
<b><u>2008/09 COUNCIL TAX CALCULATION</u></b>		
Provisional 2008/09 Revenue Budget		317,535
Adjustments:		
Reject proposed savings (Appendix I)	1,552	
Add Additional Expenditure Proposals (Appendix II)	1,090	
	<hr/>	2,642
Sub-Total		<hr/> <b>320,177</b>
<b><u>Estimated Income</u></b>		
Aggregate External Finance (excluding specific grant)	(242,050)	
Capital Grants	(2,091)	
Budget Flexibility	(2,072)	
Net Use of Balances earmarked in provision budget	(4,831)	
	<hr/>	(251,044)
<b>AMOUNT TO BE LEVIED FROM COUNCIL TAX</b>		<b>69,133</b>
<b>TAX BASE BAND D EQUIVALENT PROPERTIES (2.5% Non Collection)</b>		<b>59,700</b>

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2008/09 BAND D COUNCIL TAX	£1,158
INCREASE/DECREASE (2007/08 BAND D COUNCIL TAX £1,158)	£0
PERCENTAGE INCREASE	0.0%

Excluding Water & Sewerage charges determined by Scottish Water.

**SECOND AMENDMENT (COUNCILLORS A MacLELLAN AND J FLYNN)**

The Council agrees:

1. To approve the 2008/09 Provisional Revenue Budget of £317,535,000 as set out in Appendix 1 of Report 08/94.
2. To approve a provision for non-collection of Council Tax of 2.5% in 2008/09.
3. To approve the carry forward of resources from 2007/08 into 2008/09 under the terms of the Council's Revenue Budget Flexibility Scheme as set out in Appendix 2 to Report 08/94.
4. To approve implementing the budgetary proposals for 2008/09 set out in Appendix 5 to Report 08/94 with the exception of the savings in Appendix I.
5. To approve the additional expenditure proposals in Appendix II.
6. To approve the additional expenditure proposals (Funded from Reserves) in Appendix III.
7. To approve the Final Revenue Budget in 2008/09 of £320,327,000 resulting in a Band D Council Tax of £1,158 in 2008/09 as summarised in Appendix IV. This represents no increase on the Band D figure for 2007/08.
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 2008/09 throughout Perth & Kinross under the terms of the Council Tax (Discount for Unoccupied Dwellings) (Scotland) Regulations 2005

<b><u>Reject Proposed Savings</u></b>	<b>Reference Report 08/94 (Appendix 5) Page No</b>	<b>APPENDIX I</b>	
		<b>2008/09</b>	
		<b>£'000</b>	<b>£'000</b>
<b><u>Education &amp; Children's Services</u></b>			
Reduction in costs of Grounds Maintenance	2	100	
Revised Let Charges following Kaizen Blitz	4	75	
Review of ECS charges - 5% increase in Music; Kids Clubs; & Blairgowrie Sports Centre charges	4	40	
10% reduction in all Parent Council budgets	5	5	
5% reduction in grant to Perth & Kinross Leisure	6	165	
10% reduction in grant to Pitlochry Festival Theatre	6 & 9	20	
10% reduction in grant to Horsecross	6 & 9	140	
Remove Expressive Arts/PE Service	7	150	
15% reduction in Children's & Family Services Locum Budget	8	10	
20% reduction in Classroom Assistants	8	105	
Review of Learning & Teaching Support Team	8	200	
Reduce SLA with National Children's Homes (NCH) PACT	8	47	
Reduce SLA with Muirton Community Nursery	8	40	
Review & Rationalisation of Kid's Clubs	9	115	
			1,212
<b><u>Housing &amp; Community Care Services</u></b>			
Inflationary Increase for Homecare	19	13	
Reduction in Service Level Agreements with Voluntary Sector	20	110	
Supporting People – Review of Commissioned Services	20	31	
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**APPENDIX I (cont.)**

	<b>Reference Report 08/94 (Appendix 5) Page No</b>	<b>2008/09 £'000</b>	<b>£'000</b>
<b><u>The Environment Service</u></b>			
Burial Grounds – Increase interment and new lair charges by 5%	26	20	
Crematorium – Increase cremation charges by 5%	26	24	
Increase games charges by 5% for pitches; bowling greens and leisure facilities	26	2	
Increase costs for bulky uplifts from £20-£24	26	8	
Reduce budget for trees & woodland	28	4	
Reduce bedding and basket maintenance by 20%	28	6	
Economic Development Projects – Reduce budget for international trade support to small and medium enterprises	29	20	
Reduce plant replacement programme for parks	29	8	
		92	
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>1,458</b>

**APPENDIX II**

<b><u>Additional Expenditure Proposals – (Recurring)</u></b>	<b>2008/09 £'000</b>
Remove charges for the Community Alarm Service	386
Additional Economic Development Proposals	200
Additional provision for Home Care of Older People	170
Expand NET Team service in Perth City (part year effect)	150
Additional provision for Arts Development Officers	120
Additional provision for Planning Enforcement Officers	120
Promotion of the George Duncan Athletics Track	38
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,184</b>

**APPENDIX III**

<b><u>Additional Expenditure Proposals – (Non-Recurring) Funded from Reserves</u></b>	<b>2008/09 £'000</b>
Additional provision for maintenance of Core Path Network	150
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>150</b>

**APPENDIX IV**

<b><u>2008/09 COUNCIL TAX CALCULATION</u></b>	<b>2008/09 £'000</b>	<b>£'000</b>
Provisional 2008/09 Revenue Budget		317,535
Adjustments:		
Reject proposed savings (Appendix I)	1,458	
Add Additional Expenditure Proposals (Appendix II)	1,184	
Add Additional Expenditure Proposals Funded from Reserves (Appendix III)	150	
<b>Sub-Total</b>		<b>2,792</b> <b>320,327</b>

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**APPENDIX IV (cont.)**

<u>Estimated Income</u>		
Aggregate External Finance (excluding specific grant)	(242,050)	
Capital Grants	(2,091)	
Budget Flexibility	(2,072)	
Net Use of Balances earmarked in provision budget	(4,831)	
Additional use of Balances (Appendix III)	(150)	
	(251,194)	(251,194)
AMOUNT TO BE LEVIED FROM COUNCIL TAX		69,133
TAX BASE BAND D EQUIVALENT PROPERTIES (2.5% Non Collection)		59,700
2008/09 BAND D COUNCIL TAX		£1,158
INCREASE/DECREASE (2007/08 BAND D COUNCIL TAX £1,158)		£0
PERCENTAGE INCREASE		0.0%

Excluding Water & Sewerage charges determined by Scottish Water.

Thereafter, the meeting was adjourned for 30 minutes, recommencing at 3.15pm.

A roll call vote having been called in terms of Standing Order 49.

There voted for the Second Amendment: Councillors J Flynn, C Gillies and A MacLellan. (3 votes)

There voted for the First Amendment: Councillors K Baird, I Campbell, A Cowan, A Jack, M Lyle, H McDonald, D Melloy, M Roberts, A Stewart, H Stewart and B Vaughan. (11 votes)

The First Amendment therefore became the substantive Amendment.

Thereafter, there voted for the Amendment: Councillors K Baird, I Campbell, A Cowan, A Jack, M Lyle, H McDonald, D Melloy, M Roberts, A Stewart, H Stewart and B Vaughan.

There voted for the Motion: Councillors B Band, M Barnacle, P Barrett, L Caddell, J Coburn, B Ellis, J Flynn, A Gaunt, C Gillies, A Grant, E Grant, G Hayton, Provost J Hulbert, J Kellas, J Law, W Lumsden, K Lyall, E Maclachlan, A MacLellan, I Miller, S Millar, P Mulheron, W Robertson, L Simpson, W Wilson, A Wylie and A Younger.

Amendment – 11 votes

Motion - 27 Votes

**Resolved:**

In accordance with the Motion.

**(b) Revenue Budget 2009/10**

**Resolved:**

The Council agrees:

1. To approve the 2009/10 Provisional Revenue Budget of £324,187,000
2. To approve a provision for non-collection of Council Tax of 2.5% in 2009/10
3. To approve the carry forward of resources from 2007/08 into 2009/10 under the terms of the Council's Revenue Budget Flexibility Scheme as set out in Appendix 2 to Report 08/94.
4. To approve the implementation of the budgetary proposals for 2009/10 set out in Appendix 5 to Report 08/94 with the exception of the savings in Appendix I.
5. To approve the additional expenditure proposals in Appendix II.
6. To approve the additional expenditure proposals (Funded from Reserves) in Appendix III

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7. To approve the Provisional Revenue Budget in 2009/10 of £326,783,000 resulting in an indicative Band D Council Tax of £1,158 in 2009/10 as summarised in Appendix IV. This represents no increase from the Band D figure for 2008/09.
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 2009/10 throughout Perth & Kinross under the terms of the Council Tax (Discount for Unoccupied Dwellings) (Scotland) Regulations 2005

<b><u>Reject Proposed Savings</u></b>	<b>Reference Report 08/94 (Appendix 5) Page No</b>	<b>APPENDIX I</b>	
		<b>2009/10</b>	
		<b>£'000</b>	<b>£'000</b>
<b><u>Education &amp; Children's Services</u></b>			
Revised Let Charges following Kaizen Blitz	11	30	
Review of ECS charges - 5% increase in Music; Kids Clubs; & Blairgowrie Sports Centre charges	11	43	
50% reduction in Training & Development Unit Support Staff	12	23	
Further reduction in 4 fte Business & Operational Support Team admin/clerical Support Staff in Pullar House & Blackfriars	12	80	
Remove Expressive Arts/PE Service - Nursery & Primary	13	90	
Further 20% reduction in classroom assistants	13	170	
Targeted 2% reduction in DSM budgets	13	35	
		471	
<b><u>The Environment Service</u></b>			
Reduce roads budget for grass cutting / weedkilling	34	70	
Parks and Games – transfer maintenance to bowling green clubs	34	36	
Parks and Games – Perth cricket pitch (transfer maintenance to club)	34	27	
Closure or transfer of North Inch Golf Course to members or Perth Common Good Fund	35	90	
Reduction in Perth Transport Plan budget	36	20	
		243	
<b><u>Corporate Services</u></b>			
Reduction in Planned Maintenance Budget	48	274	
		274	
<b>TOTAL</b>		988	

<b><u>Additional Expenditure Proposals – (Recurring)</u></b>	<b>2009/10 £'000</b>
Expansion & Enhancement of the Homecare Service	500
Expansion of Community Warden Scheme into Muirton, North Muirton & Rattray	180
Community Learning & Development	50
Additional Planning Staff	25
Organisational & Staff Development	25
Increased Budget for Capital Financing Costs	148
Additional Provision for Contingencies	555
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,483</b>

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**APPENDIX III**

<u>Additional Expenditure Proposals – (Non-Recurring) Funded from Reserves</u>	2009/10 £'000
Perth 800 Anniversary Project	125
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>125</b>

**APPENDIX IV**

<u>2009/10 COUNCIL TAX CALCULATION</u>	2009/10 £'000	2009/10 £'000
Provisional 2009/10 Revenue Budget		324,187
Adjustments:		
Reject proposed savings (Appendix I)	988	
Add Additional Expenditure Proposals (Appendix II)	1,483	
Add Additional Expenditure Proposals Funded from Reserves (Appendix III)	125	
		<u>2,596</u>
Sub-Total		326,783
<u>Estimated Income</u>		
Aggregate External Finance (excluding specific grant)	(254,834)	
Capital Grants	(2,091)	
Budget Flexibility	(100)	
Net Use of Balances earmarked in provision budget	542	
Additional use of Balances (Appendix III)	(125)	
		<u>(256,608)</u>
AMOUNT TO BE LEVIED FROM COUNCIL TAX		70,175
TAX BASE BAND D EQUIVALENT PROPERTIES (2.5% Non Collection)		60,600
2009/10 BAND D COUNCIL TAX		<u>£1,158</u>
INCREASE/DECREASE (2008/09 BAND D COUNCIL TAX £1,158)		<u>£0</u>
PERCENTAGE INCREASE		<u>0.0%</u>

Excluding Water & Sewerage charges determined by Scottish Water.

**(c) Revenue Budget 2010/11**

**Resolved:**

The Council agrees:

1. To approve the 2010/11 Provisional Revenue Budget of £338,473,000 as set out in Appendix 1 of Report 08/94.
2. To approve a provision for non-collection of Council Tax of 2.5% in 2010/11
3. To approve the implementation of the budgetary proposals for 2010/11 set out in Appendix 5 to Report 08/94 with the exception of the savings in Appendix I.
4. To approve the additional expenditure proposals in Appendix II.
5. To approve the additional expenditure proposals (Funded from Reserves) in Appendix III
6. To approve the Provisional Revenue Budget in 2010/11 of £341,191,000 resulting in an indicative Band D Council Tax of £1,158 in 2010/11 as summarised in Appendix IV. This represents no increase from the Band D figure for 2009/10.
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 2010/11 throughout Perth & Kinross

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under the terms of the Council Tax (Discount for Unoccupied Dwellings) (Scotland) Regulations 2005.

		<b>APPENDIX I</b>	
		<b>Reference Report 08/94 (Appendix 5) Page No</b>	<b>2010/11 £'000      £'000</b>
<b><u>Reject Proposed Savings</u></b>			
<b><u>Education &amp; Children's Services</u></b>			
Review of ECS charges - 5% increase in Music; Kids Clubs; & Blairgowrie Sports Centre charges	15	48	
Review of Training & Development Unit	16	23	
Further reduction in 4 fte Business & Operational Support Team admin / clerical support staff in Pullar House and Blackfriars	16	82	
Full removal of classroom assistants	16	542	
Targeted further 2% reduction in DSM budgets	17	35	
			730
<b><u>The Environment Service</u></b>			
Reduce budgets for fences and screens	40	20	
Reduce the number of engineering support staff based on cumulative savings on roads construction and maintenance	40	30	
Public Conveniences – Close all seven attended public toilets and replace with four Comfort Scheme partnerships in these towns	40	315	
			365
<b><u>Chief Executive</u></b>			
Committee Services – introduce charges for provision of administrative, secretarial support to trusts	44	15	
			15
<b><u>Corporate Services</u></b>			
Reduce Planned Maintenance Budget	50	173	
			173
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>1,283</b>

		<b>APPENDIX II</b>
		<b>2010/11 £'000</b>
<b><u>Additional Expenditure Proposals – (Recurring)</u></b>		
Expansion & Enhancement of the Homecare Service		500
Community Learning & Development		50
Additional Planning Staff		25
Organisational & Staff Development		25
Additional Provision for Contingencies		760
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>1,360</b>

		<b>APPENDIX III</b>
		<b>2010/11 £'000</b>
<b><u>Additional Expenditure Proposals – (Non-Recurring) Funded from Reserves</u></b>		
Perth 800 Anniversary Project		75
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>75</b>

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**APPENDIX IV**

**2010/11 COUNCIL TAX CALCULATION**

	2010/11 £'000	2010/11 £'000
Provisional 2010/11 Revenue Budget		338,473
Adjustments:		
Reject proposed savings (Appendix I)	1,283	
Add Additional Expenditure Proposals (Appendix II)	1,360	
Add Additional Expenditure Proposals Funded from Reserves (Appendix III)	75	
		2,718
Sub-Total		341,191
 <u>Estimated Income</u>		
Aggregate External Finance (excluding specific grant)	(268,866)	
Capital Grants	(2,091)	
Budget Flexibility	0)	
Net Use of Balances earmarked in provision budget	1,058	
Additional use of Balances (Appendix III)	(75)	
		(269,974)
 AMOUNT TO BE LEVIED FROM COUNCIL TAX		71,217
TAX BASE BAND D EQUIVALENT PROPERTIES (2.5% Non Collection)		61,500
2010/11 BAND D COUNCIL TAX		£1,158
INCREASE/DECREASE (2009/10 BAND D COUNCIL TAX £1,158)		£0
PERCENTAGE INCREASE		0.0%

Excluding Water & Sewerage charges determined by Scottish Water.

**102. COMPOSITE CAPITAL BUDGET 2008/2009 TO 2012/2013**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Finance (08/92) outlining the proposed budget for the Composite Capital Programme for the five years 2008/09, 2009/10, 2010/11, 2011/12 and 2012/13.

**MOTION (COUNCILLORS I MILLER AND G HAYTON)**

**The Council agrees:-**

**To approve (as set out at Appendices I and II to report 08/92):**

1. The 2008/09 Gross Capital budget of £48,655,000
2. The 2009/10 Gross Capital budget of £22,206,000
3. The 2010/11 Gross Capital budget of £29,681,000
4. The 2011/12 Gross Capital budget of £28,285,000
5. The 2012/13 Gross Capital budget of £35,167,000

**AMENDMENT (COUNCILLORS A STEWART AND K BAIRD)**

The Council agrees:-

To approve (as set out at Appendices I and II to Report 08/92):

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1. The 2008/09 Gross Capital budget of £48,655,000, together with the allocation of additional resources of £450,000 in 2008/09 to be funded by borrowing

	<b>2008/09 (£'000)</b>
Improvements to the Signage and Traffic Management System in Blairgowrie	250
Building & Refurbishment of Public Toilets	200
	450

The resultant increase in Loan Charges of approximately £8,000 in 2008/09 and then £31,000 per annum on a recurring basis will be managed through the use of the Capital Fund in addition to the proposals detailed at Appendix V to Report 08/92.

2. The 2009/10 Gross Capital budget of £22,206,000  
 3. The 2010/11 Gross Capital budget of £29,681,000  
 4. The 2011/12 Gross Capital budget of £28,285,000  
 5. The 2012/13 Gross Capital budget of £35,167,000

<b><u>Summary of Proposals</u></b>	<b>2008/09 (£'000)</b>	<b>2009/10 (£'000)</b>	<b>2010/11 (£'000)</b>	<b>2011/12 (£'000)</b>	<b>2012/13 (£'000)</b>
Provisional Budget per Report No. 08/92	48,655	22,206	29,681	28,285	35,167
Allocation of Additional Resources	450	0	0	0	0
<b>Revised Gross Capital Budget</b>	<b>49,105</b>	<b>22,206</b>	<b>29,681</b>	<b>28,285</b>	<b>35,167</b>

Motion – 27 votes

Amendment – 11 votes

**Resolved:**

In accordance with the Motion.

**IT WAS AGREED THAT THE PUBLIC AND PRESS BE EXCLUDED DURING CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING ITEM IN ORDER TO AVOID THE DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION WHICH WAS EXEMPT IN TERMS OF SCHEDULE 7A TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT, 1973**

**103. RESERVES STRATEGY**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Finance (08/93) recommending a strategy for managing the Council's reserves (with the exception of the Housing Revenue Account balances) in the context of setting the Council's Revenue Budget for 2008/09 to 2010/11.

**Resolved:**

- (i) The proposals to earmark General Fund balances set out in Section 3 of Report 08/93 be approved.
- (ii) The proposed approach to managing uncommitted General Fund balances set out in Section 4 of Report 08/93 be approved.
- (iii) The proposed approaches to managing the Usable Capital Receipts Reserve; Renewal and Repair Fund; Insurance Fund and Capital Fund set out in Sections 5 to 8 of Report 08/93 be approved.