

## ANGUS COUNCIL

MINUTE of SPECIAL MEETING of the **HOUSING COMMITTEE** held in the Town and County Hall, Forfar on Tuesday 11 February 2003 at 11.00 am.

**Present:** Councillors FRANK ELLIS, ALISTAIR GRAY, IAN ANGUS, BILL CROWE, DAVID LUMGAIR, STEWART McGLYNN, GLENNIS MIDDLETON, JOY MOWATT, ROBERT MYLES, PETER NIELD, GEORGE NORRIE MBE, BILL ROBERTON and SHEENA WELSH.

Councillor ELLIS, Convener, in the Chair.

### 1. CALCULATION AND REVIEW OF CHARGES FOR 2003/2004

There was submitted [Joint Report No 193/03](#) by the Director of Housing and Director of Finance which reviewed certain accommodation and garaging related charges for the 2003/2004 financial year and recommended relevant charges against sheltered housing scheme tenants and those occupying homeless accommodation to be calculated on a scheme by scheme (rather than pooled) basis.

The Committee agreed:-

- (i) that the charges for garage site rentals, pitches at the St Christopher's site for travelling people at Tayock and stores adjacent to garages be increased by the figures recommended in the Report; and
- (ii) that the relevant charges for sheltered housing scheme tenants and those occupying homelessness accommodation be calculated on a scheme by scheme (rather than pooled) basis, the cost to be met by the sheltered housing scheme tenants to be no more than the general increase of 4.5%.

### 2. HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT ESTIMATES 2003/2004 AND RENT LEVELS

There was submitted [Joint Report No 194/03](#) by the Director of Finance and Director of Housing setting out (a) the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) estimates 2003/2004; and (b) options for the Committee on determining rent levels for 2003/2004.

The Committee agreed:-

- (i) to approve an average rent increase of £1.54 per week or 4.5%; and
- (ii) to increase CFCR to a total of £4.096m, allowing a capital spend of £6.615m in 2003/2004 and provide for a revenue balance of £0.500m.

### 3. HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT 2003/2004 - PROPOSED APPLICATION OF RENT INCREASES

With reference to Article 2 above, there was submitted [Joint Report No 195/03](#) by the Director of Finance and Director of Housing recommending how the approved rent increase could be applied to the Council's Housing Revenue Account housing stock and setting out detailed proposals regarding increases in rent for Housing Revenue Account garages.

The Committee agreed:-

- (i) that the rental income requirement, as detailed in Report No 194/03, for the houses on the Housing Revenue Account for 2003/2004, be met by the application of increases as detailed in the Report; and
- (ii) that all garage rents currently at £149.50 be increased to £161.00 per annum for 2003/2004.

**4. PROVISIONAL CAPITAL PROGRAMME - 2003/2004**

With reference to Article 2 above, there was submitted [Report No 196/03](#) by the Director of Finance, setting out the Provisional Capital Programme based on the assumptions outlined in the Report. The Programme indicated spend on a phased basis of some £6.615m in year 2003/2004.

The Committee agreed:-

- (i) to approve the Provisional Programme appended to the Report; and
- (ii) to note that further resources were likely to become available out of changes stemming from the Scottish Executive's "Supporting People" initiative.