

ANGUS COUNCIL

MINUTE of SPECIAL MEETING of the **EDUCATION COMMITTEE** held in the Town and County Hall, Forfar on Thursday 10 February 2005 at 2.05 pm.

Present: Councillors JACK GIBB, SHEENA WELSH, IAN ANGUS, IAIN GAUL, ALEX KING, DAVID LUMGAIR, STEWART McGLYNN, GLENNIS MIDDLETON, ROB MURRAY, ROBERT MYLES, PETER NIELD, GEORGE NORRIE MBE, MARK SALMOND and JENNIFER SPEIRS and Father BILL SIMPSON and MR BRIAN MCHARDY and PHILIP JACKSON.

Apologies: Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Mrs EDNA BOFFEY and Rev ALLAN WEBSTER.

Councillor GIBB, Convener, in the Chair.

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Welsh declared an interest in Page 12 of Report No 184/05 as a financial contribution was made from Third Party Payments to the project for which she was employed by Dundee City Council. She advised that she had an individual dispensation from the Standards Commission which allowed her to participate in discussion and voting on matters which did not relate to her terms and conditions of employment.

2. PROVISIONAL REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGETS 2005/2006

There were submitted (a) [Report No 182/05](#) by the 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 183/05](#) by the Chief Executive and the Director of Finance being the outcomes from a number of Best Value Service Reviews which had been undertaken in recent months; (c) Report No 184/05 by the Director of Finance, being the Provisional Revenue Budget Volume, together with a commentary by each Head of Department; (d) Report No 185/05 by the Director of Finance, being the Departmental Budget Cuts Volume; and (e) Report No 186/05 by the Director of Finance, being the Provisional Capital Budget 2005/2006.

Councillors Lumgair, Myles, Nield, Norrie, Salmond and Speirs 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 Education provisional base revenue budget submission for 2005/2006 as contained in pages 5 to 21 of the Provisional Revenue Budget Volume (Report 184/05) and the budget cuts proposals as contained in pages 6 to 8 of the Departmental Budget Cuts Proposals Volume (Report 185/05);
- (ii) to approve the budget cuts for the Education department totalling £595,000;
- (iii) to approve the revised budget net expenditure for the Education department resulting from (i) to (ii) above and recommend accordingly to the Council at the Council Tax setting meeting;
- (iv) to note the content of Report 183/05 on Best Value Service Reviews 2005/2006 and approve the efficiency savings identified for the Education department totalling £40,000; and
- (v) to approve the Education provisional capital budget for 2005/2006 as contained in pages 8 to 13 of the Provisional Capital Budget Volume (Report 186/05).