

## ANGUS COUNCIL

MINUTE of Special MEETING of the **EDUCATION COMMITTEE** held in the Town and County Hall, Forfar on Wednesday 27 February 2008 at 2.05 pm.

**Present:** Councillors PETER NIELD, MARGARET THOMSON, ALISON ANDREWS, MAIRI EVANS, IAIN GAUL, DAVID LUMGAIR, DAVID MAY, DONALD MORRISON, ROB MURRAY, ROBERT MYLES, HELEN OSWALD, JOHN RYMER, MARK SALMOND PAUL VALENTINE and SHEENA WELSH,.

**Church Representative:** Mr BILL SIMPSON.

**Teacher Representatives:** Mr PHILIP JACKSON and Mr BRIAN McHARDY.

Councillor NIELD, Convener, in the Chair.

### 1. APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Mrs Patricia Millar.

### 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Welsh declared a financial interest in Pages 10 and 11 of Report No 162/08 as one of the third party payments related to the project on which she was employed by Dundee City Council. She indicated that as the financial sums involved were proportionately of limited significance in relation to the overall budget, she intended to rely on the dispensation granted by the Standards Commission which allowed her to participate in discussion and voting.

### 3. PROVISIONAL REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGETS 2008/2009

There were submitted (a) [Report No 246/08](#) by the Chief Executive together with the draft Service Plan for the Education Department; (b) [Joint Report No 161/08](#) 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 Revenue Budget within the resources expected to be available and also setting out the Provisional Capital Budget submissions for those departments with capital expenditures; (c) [Joint Report No 162/08](#) 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; (d) [Joint Report No 163/08](#) by the Director of Corporate Services and the Head of Finance being the proposed departmental budget savings volume; (e) [Joint Report No 164/08](#) by the Director of Corporate Services and the Head of Finance being the provisional capital budget 2008/2009; and revised pages in relation to Reports 162/08 and 163/08.

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

The Committee agreed:-

- (i) to approve the draft 2008/09 Service Plan for Education;
- (ii) to note and approve the service developments, new burdens, budget issues and review of charges applicable to Education as detailed in Report 161/08 (Appendices 3 and 6);
- (iii) to note the Education provisional base revenue budget submission for 2008/09 as contained in pages 4 to 22 of the Provisional Revenue Budget Volume (Report 162/08) and the budget savings proposals as contained in pages 5 to 8 of the Departmental Budget Savings Proposals Volume (Report 163/08) (and as amended by the revised pages submitted);
- (iv) to approve the budget savings for the Education department totalling £1,210,000;

- (v) to approve the revised budget net expenditure for the Education department resulting from (ii) to (iv) above and recommend accordingly to the Council at the Council Tax setting meeting; and
  
- (vi) to approve the Education provisional capital budget for 2008/09 as contained in pages 26 to 32 of the Provisional Capital Budget Volume (Report 164/08).