

**APPENDIX I to the minute of meeting
of the Policy and Resources
Committee of 17 March 2015 (Article
3(b) refers)**

MINUTE of MEETING of the **CENTRAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE** held in the Town and County Hall, Forfar on Thursday 12 February 2015 at 10.00 am.

Present: Angus Council Representatives

Councillor IAIN GAUL
Councillor PAUL VALENTINE
Councillor SHEENA WELSH
Councillor LYNNE DEVINE
Councillor CRAIG FOTHERINGHAM
Councillor BOB MYLES

Teacher Association and Trade Union Representatives

JOHN PRATTI (EIS)
ELAINE FLEMING (EIS)
DAVID McCOLGAN (SSTA)
MAVIS LEASK (UNISON)
LYNNE DUNCAN (UNISON)

1. APPOINTMENT OF CONVENER

In accordance with paragraph 3(a) of the Constitution which provided that the Convenership would rotate on an annual basis between the Convener of the Council's Policy and Resources Committee and a member appointed by those members representing the Trade Union and Teacher Associations, the Committee agreed to appoint Mavis Leask as Convener of the Committee for the period to February 2016.

2. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CONVENER

In accordance with paragraph 3(b) and as a consequence of item 1 above, the Committee noted that the office of Vice-Convener would fall to Councillor Iain Gaul as Convener of the Policy and Resources Committee until February 2016.

3. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minute of meeting of this Committee of 13 February 2014 was submitted and approved as a correct record.

4. PROVISIONAL REVENUE BUDGET 2015/2016

There were submitted:-

- (a) Report No 59/15 by the Head of Corporate Improvement and Finance advising members of the provisional Revenue Budget submissions of each Council directorate and of the budget savings considered necessary to allow the Council to deliver a sustainable Revenue Budget within the resources expected to be available; and
- (b) Report No 60/15 by the Head of Corporate Improvement and Finance being the Provisional Revenue Budget and Savings Volume.

In addition there was tabled supplementary information from the Head of Corporate Improvement and Finance in relation to teacher numbers and Scottish Government grant position which was to be read in conjunction with Report No 59/15.

The Committee agreed to a ten minute adjournment to afford the opportunity for Trade Union and Teacher Representatives to study the contents of the supplementary information that had been tabled.

The meeting reconvened at 10.25 am and it was noted that the Teacher Association Representatives, whilst welcoming the Council's position in their attempts to maintain teacher numbers, expressed some concern regarding the potential effects of the savings proposed in paragraph 4.2 of the supplementary paper.

Reference was also made to the savings proposed within Adult Services and the effect this may have on staff, including potential compulsory redundancies.

The Strategic Director - Resources indicated that all possible avenues would be explored and compulsory redundancies would be avoided, where at all possible.

In relation to the efficiency savings identified within the Adult Services, the UNISON representative encouraged the Council to engage with unions in signing up to the Ethical Care Charter.

Thereafter, the Reports and the supplementary paper were noted without further comment.