

SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

At a meeting of the Scrutiny Committee held in the Council Offices, Garshake Road, Dumbarton on Wednesday, 20 June 2001 at 10.00 a.m.

Present: Councillors Ronnie McColl (Convener), Geoffrey Calvert, Mary Campbell, James McCallum, Linda McColl, Craig McLaughlin and Iain Robertson.

Attending: Tim Huntingford, Chief Executive; Alan Douglas, Manager - Best Value and Special Projects; Dan Henderson, Director of Economic, Planning and Environmental Services; Cy Neil, Manager of Housing Services and Willie Croft, Property Services Manager.

Apology: An apology for absence from the meeting was intimated on behalf of Councillor Ian McDonald.

Councillor Ronnie McColl in the Chair

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the previous Meeting held on 21 March 2001 were submitted and approved as a correct record.

MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE

(a) Minutes of Meetings of the Education Executive

The Minutes of Meetings of the Education Executive held on the undernoted dates were submitted and noted:-

(i) 28 March 2001

(ii) 23 May 2001

(b) Minutes of Meetings of the Executive

The Minutes of Meetings of the Executive held on the undernoted dates were submitted and noted:-

(i) 28 March 2001

(ii) 11 April 2001

(iii) 25 April 2001

(iv) 9 May 2001

(v) **23 May 2001**

(vi) **13 June 2001**

SCRUTINY PANELS - PROGRESS REPORT

A report by the Director of Corporate Services was submitted updating Members on the progress of the 3 ad hoc Scrutiny Panels established by the Scrutiny Committee on 15 November 2000 (these being the Customer Service Issues Scrutiny Panel, the Housing Allocations Policy Scrutiny Panel and the Flooding Issues Scrutiny Panel) and advising of the current position regarding the development of a workplan as agreed by this Committee on 20 December 2000.

The Committee, following discussion, agreed:-

- (a) to note the workplans and timetables provided by the relevant Scrutiny Panels in the report;
- (b) that finalised individual reports from the Customer Service Issues Scrutiny Panel and Flooding Issues Scrutiny Panel be submitted to a meeting of the Scrutiny Committee in November/December 2001; and
- (c) that a finalised report from the Housing Allocations Policy Scrutiny Panel be submitted to a meeting of the Scrutiny Committee in early 2002.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AT NEXT MEETING

The Committee was advised that a letter had been received from Councillor McLaughlin requesting that the undernoted items be placed on the agenda for this meeting for consideration:-

- (i) **The centralisation of Allocations Staff from Alexandria Area Housing Office to Dumbarton**
- (ii) **The centralisation of repairs staff to Overburn Depot, Dumbarton**
- (iii) **Relocation of Planning/Building Control to Rosebery Place, Clydebank**
- (iv) **Possible Relocation of Environmental Health to Rosebery Place, Clydebank**
- (v) **The mechanisms by which the locations of frontline services can be relocated without full Committee/Council decision**
- (vi) **A detailed breakdown of the cost of relocating these services together with a detailed report on the impact to the public that these existing relocations have had**

There followed discussion on several of those items.

Following consideration, and having heard the Chief Executive, the Committee agreed that the Chief Executive prepare a report for submission to the next meeting on the issues raised having regard to (i) the efficiency of the moves and the effective management of services, (ii) accessibility for the public and (iii) the issues of communication and consultation, for any future such moves.

The meeting concluded at 10.30 a.m.