

HOUSING COMMITTEE

At a special. Meeting of the Housing Committee held within Committee Room 2, Sub-Regional Offices, Garshake Road, Dumbarton on Wednesday 21st February 1996.

Present: Councillors Andrew White (LAB), Duncan Mills (LAB), Mary Campbell (LAB), Anthony Devine (LAB), Patricia Rice (LAB), John Syme (LAB), William Kemp (IND), William McKechnie (SNP), James McElhill (SNP), Margaret McGregor (SNP) and John Wailes (SNP)

Attending: Michael Watters, Chief Executive, Ian Leitch, Depute Chief Executive & Solicitor to the Council, Eric Walker, Director of Finance, David Campbell, Director of Housing, and Anne Laird, Chief Administrative Officer.

Apologies for

Absence: Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor Geoffrey Calvert

Councillor Andrew White in the Chair

COUNCIL HOUSE RENT LEVELS

There was submitted report by the Director of Housing (previously circulated) on rent levels for 1996-1997. The Director spoke in explanation of his report and gave an update on his recent meetings with tenants' groups.

The Director advised that a greater rent increase would provide Capital Funded from Current Revenue (C.F.C.R.) and gave examples of the level of C.F.C.R. which would be generated from each additional £1 of rental.

The Director and the Depute Chief Executive and Solicitor to the Council were heard in answer to Members' questions. After full discussion and an exchange of views, Councillor White, seconded by Councillor Campbell, moved approval of the H.R.A. Estimates and the recommendation that rents be increased by an average of £1 per week plus an additional 50 pence for CFCR both in accordance with the formulation within the report.

By way of amendment, Councillor McElhill, seconded by Councillor McKechnie, moved that the item be continued to the next ordinary meeting of the full Council on 28th February 1996 to allow further discussion and consultation with tenants' groups.

On a vote, there voted 4 for the amendment and 7 for the motion. The motion accordingly carried.