# *Eden District Council*
# *Minutes of a meeting of the Resources Committee held at 6.45pm on Thursday 26 September 2002 at the Town Hall, Penrith*

**Present** Councillor J J Moffat (Chairman)
Councillor D I A Nattrass (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors J Banks, P T Evans, T R Fetherstonhaugh, J M Smith and Mrs N Walker.
Apologies for absence were received from Councillors H Sawrey-Cookson and J G Thompson

### *RES/21 MINUTES*

The minutes including RES/3 to RES/17.of the meeting of this Committee held on 27 June 2002 were signed as a correct record of those proceedings.

### *RES/22 ORDER OF AGENDA ITEMS*

***RESOLVED*** that item 11 be considered before item 3 on the agenda.

### *RES/23 THE FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF HOMELESSNESS IN EDEN*

The Committee considered report TS152-02 of the Director of Technical Services advising Members of the increase in homelessness costs and requesting them to consider the use of alternative interim accommodation for homeless applications.

*Councillor B Nicholls addressed the meeting in his capacity as Ward Member for Carleton Hall Walk, Penrith.*

***RESOLVED*** that

a. the current position with the increased cases of homelessness be noted;
b. the supplementary estimate of £50,000 to cover the increased costs be agreed;
c. the Director of Technical Services be requested to explain further long term alternatives to provide interim accommodation in conjunction with RSLs, Carlisle City Council and other agencies; and
d. the Director of Technical Services be granted delegated authority, in consultation with the Chairman, to proceed with a proposal for caravans subject to the determination of a proposal within the Government allocation of £17,000.

### *RES/24 TREASURY MANAGEMENT TRANSACTIONS REPORT: 1 APRIL TO 31 JULY 2002*

The Committee considered report F82/02 of the Director of Finance summarising activity level and performance of the Councils Treasury Management between 1 April 2002 to 31 July 2002.

***RESOLVED*** that the report be noted.

### *RES/25 CAPITAL STRATEGY 2002*

The Committee considered report F81/02 of the Director of Finance setting out the Councils Capital Strategy as submitted to the Government Office of the North West. Members were invited to comment as part of the Committee annual review of the Strategy.

***RESOLVED*** that the Capital Strategy 2002 be confirmed as submitted to the Government Office;

*Councillor Mrs N Walker declared an interest in the following item of business and withdrew from the meeting during consideration thereof.*

### *RES/26 GRANTS AND DONATIONS - ORGANISATIONS AND INSTITUTES*

The Committee considered report F75/02 of the Director of Finance requesting Members to decide on the allocation of grants, to individual organisations and institutions previously on the Annual List, along with three new applications.

RESOLVED that this years available budget of £10,612 be distributed among organisations previously on the annual list as follows:

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| North Lakeland Hospice at Home | 2582.00 |
| Patterdale Mountain Rescue Team | 475.00 |
| Penrith Mountain Rescue Team | 475.00 |
| Evergreen Hall | 299.00 |
| OAP Welfare Council | 285.00 |
| East Cumbria FSA | 950.00 |
| Penrith MIND | 2773 .00 |
| Eden Carers | 2773.00 |

Councillor Moffat advised the Committee that he had received a telephone call from Mr Knowles in connection with the following item of business but had declined to discuss the matter with him.

### *RES/27 GRANTS FOR VILLAGE HALLS: APPEALS*

The Committee considered report F76/02 of the Director of Finance providing details of an appeal against a delegated decision to refuse a village hall grant to Threlkeld Recreation Field Trust.

***RESOLVED*** that the decision of the Director of Finance be upheld.

### *RES/28 BENEFIT FRAUD*

The Committee considered report F83/02 of the Director of Finance advising Members of changes to the Fraud Incentive Scheme and linked subsidy arrangements that became effective on 1 April 2002. The Committee also received an update on counter fraud performance, activity and detection rates during the 2001-2 financial year.

***RESOLVED*** that

a. the report be noted; and
b. the Prosecution and Enforcement Policy be amended as detailed in Paragraph 6 of the report.

***RES/29 CAPITAL EXPENDITURE: 2001-2 OUTTURN AND REVISED 2002-3 PROGRAMME***

The Committee considered report F78/02 advising Members of Capital Expenditure for the 2001-2 financial year and the means by which this was funded. Members were provided with an amended Capital Programme for 2002-3.

***RESOLVED*** that

a. the outturn for 2002-3, as set out in Appendix A of the report, be noted and
b. the amended programme for 2003, as set out in Appendix C of the report, be agreed.

***RES/30 GENERAL FUND REVENUE ESTIMATES: A FIRST FORECAST FOR 2003-4 AND A REVIEW OF THE LONGER TERM***

The Committee considered report F80/02 of the Director of Finance setting out the background against which the detailed Revenue Estimates for 2003-4 were being prepared. The report indicated the financial issues which would have to be considered in finalising the Councils total expenditure for 2003-4 and highlighted some of the longer term issues.

***RESOLVED*** that

a. the initial projections be noted;
b. the proposed approach to the estimates as set out in paragraph 6.4 of the report be agreed; and
c. the merging of the Capital Reserve into the General Fund balance be approved.

***RES/31 LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE FORMULA GRANT DISTRIBUTION: A CONSULTATION PAPER***

The Committee considered report F79/02 of the Director of Finance requesting Members consideration of a proposed response to the Governments Consultation Paper on Formula Grant Distribution that determines central government funding for local authorities.

***RESOLVED*** that the proposed consultation response set out in Appendix C of the report be agreed.

***RES/32 POST OF CONTAMINATED LAND OFFICER***

The Committee considered report TS141-02 of the Director of Technical Services requesting Members to approve a Supplementary Estimate for the extension of the Contaminated Land Officer post.

***RESOLVED*** that the financial consequences of the extension of the Contaminated Land Officer post until 30 September 2003 be approved requiring a Supplementary Estimate of £6,400 in 2002-3 and an additional cost of £6,400 in 2003-4

***RES/33 MANSION HOUSE: UPGRADING OF EXTERNAL FRONT CAR PARK LIGHTING***

The Committee considered report TS169-02 of the Director of Technical Services advising Members of the instruction given to Thomas Armstrong (Construction) Limited for the lighting improvements for the front car park at Mansion House, in accordance with the Financial

Procedures Rules 8.6(c).

***RESOLVED*** that the action of the Director of Technical Services be endorsed in respect of the improvement to the lighting in the front car park at Mansion House.

***RES/34 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC***

***RESOLVED*** that, in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, Members of the public (including the press) be excluded from the meeting during discussion of the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 7, 9, 10 and 14 of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Act.

***RES/35 MINUTES***

The minutes including RES/18 to RES/20 of the meeting of this Committee held on 27 June 2002 were signed as a correct record of those proceedings.

The following Minutes RES/36 to RES/40 contain exempt information as described in the relevant Paragraph of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 and are excluded from this document by virtue of Section 100A of the Act. Below is a summary of these proceedings.

***SELECT DEVELOPER LIST: SOUTHEND ROAD RETAIL DEVELOPMENT (RES/36)(Paragraphs 9 and 10)***

The Committee considered report TS160-02 of the Director of Technical Services requesting Members to approve the list of Developers to be invited to submit formal bids and proposals for the retail development at Southend Road, Penrith.

It was agreed that the list of developers set out in paragraph 4 of the report be approved.

***LAND ADJACENT TO UNIT 68 GILWILLY INDUSTRIAL ESTATE (RES/37) (Paragraphs 7 and 9)***

The Committee considered report TS158-02 of the Director of Technical Services detailing a request from a Limited Company to purchase a strip of land which is in the Council's ownership.

It was agreed that the sale of the strip of land be made on the terms outlined in paragraph 3 of the report.

***LAND AT THE MEADOWS, LANGWATHBY (RES/38) (Paragraph 9)***

The Committee considered report TS154-02 of the Director of Technical Services requesting Members to decide on whether to approve a request to remove a restrictive covenant.

It was agreed that the restrictive covenant be removed on part of the site on the terms detailed in paragraph 3 of the report.

***MARKET CROSS, SHAP (RES/39) (Paragraph 9)***

The Committee considered report TS157-02 of the Director of Technical Services requesting Members to consider the possibility of leasing the Council owned building known as Market Cross, Shap.

It was agreed that a lease of Market Cross, Shap be granted on the terms outlined in Paragraph 3 of the report and that the tenants be awarded a grant to cover the cost of rental.

***TOWN HALL: UPGRADING OF COUNCIL CHAMBER, MEMBERS AREA, MAIN STAIRCASE AND ENTRANCE LOBBY LIGHTING INSTALLATIONS (RES/40) (Paragraphs 8, 9 and 10)***

The Committee considered report TS172-02 of the Director of Technical Services advising Members of the tenders for the Town Hall lighting improvements and seeking approval to proceed with identified upgrading works.

It was agreed that the lowest tender be accepted for upgrading of the internal lighting in the Town Hall Council Chamber, first floor Members area and the main entrance and staircase areas.

The meeting closed at 7.42pm.