

MINUTE of SPECIAL MEETING of the COUNCIL EXECUTIVE of WEST LoTHIAN COUNCIL held within COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 1ST FLOOR, WEST LoTHIAN HOUSE, on WEDNESDAY 4 FEBRUARY 2009.

Present – Council Leader Peter Johnston (Chair); Councillors Frank Anderson, William Boyle, John Cochrane, Martyn Day, Robert De Bold, Ellen Glass, Isabel Hutton, Andrew Miller, Graeme Morrice, Jim Walker.

Apologies – Councillor Willie Dunn.

1. COUNCIL TAX SETTING DAY

The Council Executive considered a report (copy of which had been circulated) by the Chief Executive concerning the Council Tax Setting Day.

The report recalled that, on 13th January 2009, the Council Executive had fixed a meeting of full council for 10th February 2009 for the purpose of setting council tax levels and the council's budget for 2009/10. Since that date, the Scottish Parliament had rejected the Scottish Government's budget proposals for 2009/10.

In light of the consequent uncertainty relating to the Scottish Parliament's approval of the Administration's budget and the potential impact on the council's own financial position, the Chief Executive considered that the council should revisit the arrangements made on 13th January 2009 and consider making new meeting arrangements.

Motion

"To delegate to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Provost and Leader of the Council, to finalise a date for a meeting of full council for the purpose of setting council tax levels and the council's budget for 2009/10."

Moved by the Council Leader, seconded by Councillor Anderson

Amendment

"To delegate to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Provost, Leader of the Council and Leader of the Labour Group, to finalise a date for a meeting of full council for the purpose of setting council tax levels and the council's budget for 2009/10."

Moved by Councillor Morrice, seconded by Councillor King.

Decision

On a vote being taken, the motion was successful by 10 votes to 2 votes and it was agreed accordingly.

In so agreeing, it was noted that, irrespective of these arrangements, the

2009/10 Housing Revenue Account Budget and Rent Levels would be presented to a meeting of full council scheduled for 10th February 2009 at 2.00 pm.