

# Minute of Moray Council 5 Dec 1996

## (ii) Minute of Meeting of Sub-Committee dated 8th November, 1996

The Minute of the Meeting of the Policy and Resources Sub-Committee dated 8th November, 1996 was submitted and approved.

## (iii) Minute of Meeting of Sub-Committee dated 29th November, 1996

The Minute of the Meeting of the Policy and Resources Sub-Committee dated 29th November, 1996 was submitted and approved subject to the deletion of the word "grand" appearing at line 8 of Para. 5 and substituted with the word "grant".

## 1997/98 Local Government Financial Settlement: Proceeds from the Sale of Council Houses

Arising from consideration of the foregoing Minute and in noting that the percentage of Capital Receipts from the sale of Council Houses to be used for the repayment of debt in 1997/98 would be increased from 25% to 75% Members expressed their concern in regard to the serious impact this would have in regard to funding for Council House Improvement Programmes and the private and voluntary sector.

Following discussion the Council agreed:-

- (i) That the views of all political parties be obtained in regard to their position in respect of a requirement to utilise capital receipts from Council House Sales to pay outstanding debt;
- (ii) That the Council's concern in regard to the implications for Council House Improvement Programmes and the private and voluntary sectors be conveyed both as an individual authority and jointly through COSLA to the Scottish Office; and
- (iii) That appropriate private and voluntary sector organisations be invited to lobby the Scottish Office in support of the Council's concerns.

## 10. **A96 FOCHABERS/MOSSTODLOCH BYPASS AND A96 KEITH BYPASS**

There was submitted a Joint Report by the Directors of Technical and Leisure Services and Economic Development and Planning apprising the Council on the current position regarding the A96 Fochabers/Mosstodloch Bypass and the A96 Keith Bypass. The Report also advised that despite requests for information from the Scottish Office no overall commitment had been forthcoming and therefore recommended that officials from the Scottish Office be invited to come to Moray and advise Members directly on the Fochabers/Mosstodloch Bypass and the outcome of the enquiry into the Keith Bypass.

During the course of discussion the meeting noted that whilst the Scottish Office had intimated their acceptance of the northern route for the Fochabers/Mosstodloch Bypass which, it was understood, would be a single carriageway there was no information to clarify whether, in regard to the acquisition of land, sufficient ground was being acquired to upgrade the single carriageway, if required, to a dual carriageway at some future date.

Following consideration the Council agreed:-

- (i) That the National Roads Directorate of the Scottish Office be advised of the Council's concern over the delays in providing information on the Bypass issues; and
- (ii) That an urgent meeting be sought between appropriate Roads Directorate officials and Members of this Council when hopefully both the decision regarding the Fochabers/Mosstodloch Bypass can be presented and the outcome of the Keith Bypass enquiry can be reported as well as general issues regarding the A96 trunk road.

## 11. **RESIDENTIAL HOMES FOR THE ELDERLY - PROGRESS REPORT**