

**MINUTE OF SPECIAL MEETING of the
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE held within
the Council Chamber, Greenfield,
Alloa, on THURSDAY 4th DECEMBER
2008**

PRESENT

Councillor Donald Balsillie (Convener)
Councillor Gary Womersley (Vice Convener)
Councillor John Biggam
Councillor Alastair Campbell
Councillor Mark English
Councillor Craig Holden
Councillor Harry McLaren
Provost Derek Stewart

IN ATTENDANCE

Councillor George Matchett, Portfolio
Holder (Inclusion)
Councillor Rev Sam Ovens, Portfolio
Holder (Regeneration)

Jeni Graham, Director of Corporate
Development Services
Dave Jones, Chief Executive
Peter Broadfoot, Head of Administration
and Legal Services (Clerk to the
Committee)
Deirdre Cilliers, Head of Social Work
Services
Barry Dickson, Head of Business
Improvement and Technology Services
John Gillespie, Head of Housing,
Property and Benefit Advice
Jim Goodall, Head of Education
Brian Hutchison, Head of Human
Resources
Ewart McAuslane, Head of
Environmental Services
Gordon Stewart, Head of Property
Services
Muir Wilson, Head of Finance

The Convener outlined the format for today's special meeting; there would be brief discussion around the paper of 9th October which prompted today's special meeting to look at particular aspects of the budget. Following debate on the updated forecast outturn spend, the committee would have opportunity to put questions to the Portfolio Holders with responsibility for Inclusion (Education) and Regeneration; Portfolio Holders to be supported by officers.

SC(08)125 APOLOGIES AND SUBSTITUTIONS

None

SC(08)126 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

SC(08)127 GENERAL FUND REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING 2008/09

(1) Report to Scrutiny Committee of 9 October 2008

There was submitted a report by Martin Dunsmore, Accounting and Budgeting Manager, a copy of which had been submitted to the Scrutiny Committee of 9th October 2008 and re-circulated to Members.

The Committee heard from the Accounting and Budgeting Manager who highlighted key areas from the report of 9 October 2008.

The Committee noted the forecast position as at 9th October 2008.

(2) Update report on Corporate Development Services, Services to People and Development and Environmental Services

There was submitted a report by Martin Dunsmore, Accounting and Budgeting Manager, which provided an update on the forecast outturn spend reported to Committee in October in respect of Corporate Development Services, Services to People and Development and Environmental Services. A copy had been circulated previously to each Member.

The Committee noted the revised outturns in respect of these Services.

The Committee put questions to Councillor Matchett, Portfolio Holder for Inclusion (Education), and Councillor Rev Ovens, Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, and agreed that the Portfolio Holders for Sustainability and Inclusion (Leisure) be invited to attend a future Scrutiny Committee meeting.

The meeting concluded at 11.55 am.