

FC93. MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGE ASSISTANTS

In terms of the Council's Scheme of Delegation, this item had been called in to Council by Councillors Alexander, Chalmers and Hughes.

There was submitted (circulated) (a) extract of minute of meeting of the Education Committee held on 29 January 2013, and (b) report by the Director of Education Services to the said meeting providing an update on the historical role of, and costs associated with, the engagement of Foreign Language Assistants in secondary schools.

Councillor Nimmo, seconded by Councillor Dr C R Martin, moved that Council:-

- (1) endorses the increasing use of ICT in modern foreign language departments to promote confidence in speaking and using the language, and
- (2) seeks annual updates on the outcomes in secondary schools from participation in the ERASMUS and COMENIUS programmes.

By way of amendment, Councillor Hughes, seconded by Councillor Coleman, moved the following in addition to the motion:-

- (3) further, endorses the reinstatement of a Modern Language Assistants Programme at the cost of £64,000 per annum.

On a division 14 members voted for the amendment and 17 voted for the motion.

Accordingly, **AGREED** the terms of the motion.