

FC10. REFERRAL FROM POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 9 MARCH 2010 – TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY 2010/11 – CONSIDERATION OF ETHICAL INVESTING

There was submitted (circulated) (a) Extract of Minute of Meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee held on 9 March 2010; (b) Report by the Director of Finance submitted to the said meeting referring to the draft Treasury Management Strategy 2010/11; and (c) Report by the said Director dated 13 April 2010 in implementation of the request by the said Committee to consider the introduction of an ethical investment strategy.

Councillor C Martin, seconded by Councillor Nimmo, moved recommendations 1-7 as set out in the Report and additionally that:-

- (8) “Council remits to the Director of Finance to highlight, in future reports, any concerns that should be brought to the attention of members, e.g payment of excess bonuses.

By way of an Amendment, Councillor Alexander, seconded by Councillor Coleman moved the terms of the Motion but with an alternative recommendation (8), namely that:-

- “(8) Council recognises that it is perfectly acceptable for Council to determine an ethical Investment Strategy and requests that officers develop such a strategy to be submitted to Council, or the Policy and Resources Committee, as appropriate, at the earliest possible date”.

Following discussion regarding the terms of the Motion and the Amendment, Councillor Martin, with the consent of the Provost and Councillor Nimmo, as his seconder, amended the terms of his motion to read:-

- “(8) Council requests that officers develop an ethical investment strategy”

After further discussion, **AGREED** to:-

- (1) adopt the clauses set out in Appendix 1 to the Report submitted to the Policy and Resources Committee and dated 17 February 2010 as part of the Council’s Financial Regulations;
- (2) approve the Treasury Management Policy Statement as presented in Appendix 2 to the said Report;
- (3) adopt the Borrowing Strategy for 2010/11 as set out in the said Report;
- (4) adopt the Investment Strategy for 2010/11 as set out in the said Report;
- (5) approve the list of “Permitted Investments” as set out in the said Report;
- (6) approve the Treasury Indicators as set out in the said Report;
- (7) instruct the Director of Finance to arrange training for Members as outlined in the said Report; and

- (8) request that officers develop an ethical investment strategy.