

FC78. MOTIONS

(c) Falkirk Council – Consultation Responses

Councillor Alexander, seconded by Councillor J Constable moved that:-

“Council notes with approval the previous commitment of the Leader of the Council to ensure that all submissions to the Scottish Government on consultation documents reflect the views of all parties represented within Falkirk Council.

We view this as an example of good practice and have rightly praised the leader of Falkirk Council for this stance.

Council therefore notes with concern the refusal of the Convener of Falkirk Council’s Community Health and Safety Committee to honour the commitment given by his leader on the issue of the government’s consultation on the Alcohol Legislation. In particular council notes with concern the answer given by the Convener to the question of the assurance offered by the leader to the effect that “that is between you and her.”

Council therefore endorses the stance made by the leader of the council by making her commitments council policy thus ensuring that all consultations carry the views of all elected members who express an opinion.”

By way of an amendment Councillor C Martin seconded by Councillor Mahoney moved that:-

“Council re-affirms its commitment to allow scrutiny committees to respond to consultation exercises, where no financial issues arise.

Council also welcomes the opportunity of any individual grouping or party within the Council to express views directly to Government as part of a consultation process.”

In terms of Standing Order 21.4(i) a vote was taken by way of a roll call there being 31 Members present, with Members voting as undernoted.

For the Motion (14) – Councillors Alexander, Carleschi, Coleman, H Constable, J Constable, Hughes, Jackson, Kenna, A MacDonald, McNally, Meiklejohn, Oliver, Spears and Thomson.

For the Amendment (17) – Provost Reid and Depute Provost Black; Councillors Blackwood, Buchanan, Fry, Goldie, Lemetti, C MacDonald, Mahoney, C Martin, CR Martin, McLuckie, McNeill, Nicol, Nimmo, Patrick and Waddell.

Accordingly, **RESOLVED** in terms of the Amendment.