

## FC59. MOTIONS

### (a) Tourism Events

Councillor A MacDonald, seconded by Councillor Coleman moved that:-

Council notes with disappointment the failure of the current Labour/Tory Administration to bid for a share of the special £5m fund set up by the SNP Government and administered by Events Scotland to assist local authorities organise tourism events for the Year of the Homecoming in 2009.

Council notes that under the previous SNP/Independent Administration income from Tourism rose by over 6% a year due in the main to the development of the My Future's in Falkirk economic development strategy and the ability to develop major projects such as the Helix and the MOD.

Council therefore calls for:

1. A commitment from the Administration that it will in the future seek to take advantage of opportunities that come the way of local government such as the Events Scotland fund.
2. Will bring forward to the relevant scrutiny committee a strategy paper for the maximisation of tourism potential around the national Year of the Homecoming strategy by no later than the next cycle of committee meetings.

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

Council welcomes the recent growth in visitor numbers to a number of key tourist sites across Falkirk district. We reaffirm our commitment – highlighted within our corporate plan – to work with partners to grow tourism further by ensuring:

- the promotion of the area's unique heritage and culture;
- maintaining and developing high profile national events;
- developing high-quality visitor attractions;
- and engaging with our communities in their local heritage and culture.

We also reaffirm our commitment to build on our success attracting external and government funding to support these initiatives, where appropriate.

On a division 14 Members voted for the Motion and 16 for the Amendment.

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