(d) Falkirk Rugby Club

Councillor Thomson, seconded by Councillor Alexander moved that:-

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In particular Falkirk Council welcomes the club's youth development work with youngsters which often sees over 150 local kids taking part in club sessions during the week.

The Council also welcomes the recent award of £200,000 from the Sportscotland for the upgrade of existing facilities and the provision of new facilities at Sunnyside.

We view this as an opportunity to establish a mutually beneficial partnership with the club similar to those established with Stenhousemuir and Falkirk Football Clubs.

Council therefore agrees to open up discussions between the club and authority with a view to a Council contribution to the programme and report back to the appropriate committee in due course.

By way of an Amendment Councillor Waddell seconded by Councillor C Martin moved that:-

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Council dismisses part of the SNP motion in particular paragraphs 4 and 5 as being out of date, given that the contents of the motion are already being implemented.

Council applauds the tremendous work being undertaken by the Community Services within Falkirk Council in their ongoing partnerships with various sporting organisations including SRU, Falkirk and Grangemouth Rugby Clubs.

Council confirms its continued links with SRU, in particular the work of the Sports Development Officers specific to Rugby and the two Modern Apprentices who assist in delivering coaching programmes around the district. Council also notes the proposals from SRU to appoint a further 2 Modern Apprentices to the Rugby Programme.

Following discussion, Councillor Gow seconded by Depute Provost Black moved that "the question be now put".

On a division 18 Members voted for the Motion with 13 against following which the mover of the original motion exercised her right of reply.

Members then voted on the motion and amendment with 13 Members voting for the Motion and 18 for the Amendment.

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