FC25. COUNCIL SERVICE STRUCTURE

With reference to Minute of Meeting of Falkirk Council held on 4 March 2009 (Paragraph FC110 refers), there was submitted Report (circulated) by the Chief Executive providing an update on progress made in relation to the review of Service structures.

Councillor Gow, seconded by Councillor Martin moved the recommendations contained within the report.

By way of an amendment, Councillor Alexander, seconded by Councillor Coleman moved the recommendations as detailed in the Report, with recommendation (b) replaced by the following:-

"(b) Council requests a further report on the Service structures from the Chief Executive by 10 September 2009 at a Special Meeting of Falkirk Council."

On a division, 15 Members voted for the Motion and 15 Members voted for the amendment.

There being an inequality of votes, and in terms of Standing Order 21.6, the Provost used his casting vote in favour of the Motion.

Accordingly, NOTED

- (1) The feedback received from the consultation exercise on the review of Service structures;
- (2) The further work required in considering the various comments and alternative options contained within the feedback;
- (3) The further work required in reviewing the potential employee implications of any changes which are subsequently proposed to Council, and
- (4) The intention to write to employees to remind them of their options in respect of early and flexible retirement.

AGREED that a further report on the Service Structures by the Chief Executive be submitted to Council, as soon as possible once the outstanding work has been completed.