

## FC47. SHARED SERVICES

In terms of Council's Scheme of Delegation, this item had been called into Council by Councillors Alexander and Kenna.

There was submitted (circulated) (a) Extract of Minute of Meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee held on 13 November 2007, and (b) Report by Director of Corporate and Commercial Services submitted to the meeting of Policy and Resources Committee held on 13 November 2007.

Councillor Gow, seconded by Councillor Nimmo, moved that the recommendations detailed in the Report considered by the Policy and Resources Committee at its meeting on 13 November 2007 be approved.

By way of an amendment, Councillor Alexander, seconded by Councillor Kenna, moved that Council agree to:-

- (1) note the correspondence received in relation to future funding of shared services;
- (2) submit a statement giving details of the work already carried out that demonstrated shared services had little, if any, benefit to Falkirk Council but has the potential to cause significant disruption to already efficiently run services;
- (3) call on the Scottish Government to ensure that all of the case studies being undertaken are fully circulated to all local authorities, and
- (4) receive regular updates on the matter from officers and the council leaders who are part of the COSLA leadership.

On a division, 18 Members voted for the Motion and 12 voted for the Amendment.

Accordingly, **RESOLVED:-**

- (i) to note the correspondence received in relation to future funding of shared services;
- (ii) to agree that the Council submit an application for funding; and
- (iii) that Committee receive further reports on this matter in due course.