

**FC49. REFERRAL FROM COMMUNITY HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE
BETTER HEALTH BETTER CARE – RESPONSE TO THE SCOTTISH
GOVERNMENT DISCUSSION DOCUMENT**

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) joint Report by Director of Corporate and Commercial Services and Development Services submitted to the meeting of Policy and Resources Committee held on 13 November 2007.

Councillor Gow, seconded by Councillor C MacDonald, moved acceptance of the recommendations that had been approved by the Community Health and Safety Committee at its meeting on 23 October 2007.

By way of an amendment, Councillor Meiklejohn, seconded by Councillor Oliver moved that Paragraph 1.4 of the Report submitted to the Community Health and Safety Committee be replaced with the following wording:-

That Council supports the principle of democratically elected Health Boards as a means of improving accountability and transparency in delivering the people's health service to the people. We view this as a clear statement of intent in allowing people access to the decision making process.

Provost Reid gave notice of a further amendment.

On a division, 17 Members voted for the Motion and 12 voted for the Amendment.

Provost Reid, seconded by Councillor Coleman, moved by way of a further amendment that the Council's response to the Better Health, Better Care Consultation be further amended to note that the Council supports the principle of having an element of democratically elected members in the membership of NHS Boards in addition to local authority members and medical professionals.

At this point, Council **AGREED** to a short adjournment to allow Members the opportunity to consider the terms of the further amendment proposed by Provost Reid.

On re-convening, the further Amendment was unanimously accepted.