

## FC29. FALKIRK TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRE

In terms of the Council's Scheme of Delegation, this item had been called into Council by Councillors J Constable, McNally and Coleman.

There was submitted (circulated) (a) Extract of Minute of Meeting of the Environment and Heritage Committee held on 18 September 2007, and (b) Report by Director of Development Services submitted to the meeting of Environment and Heritage Committee held on 18 September 2007.

Councillor Mahoney, seconded by Councillor C R Martin moved that Council:-

- (1) note the contents of the Report;
- (2) agree that the Director of Community Services should work with Visit Scotland to implement the plan outlined in the Report to move the Tourist Information Centre to the Falkirk Wheel and establish an information point in the Town Centre; and
- (3) receive an update/progress report in due course.

By way of an amendment, Councillor J Constable, seconded by Councillor A MacDonald moved that the proposal to relocate the Falkirk Tourist Information Centre be rejected.

In terms of Standing Order 19.7, with the consent of the Provost and Councillor A MacDonald as the seconder, Councillor J Constable amended the text of his amendment to that which was considered at the meeting of the Environment and Heritage Committee held on 18 September 2007 as follows:-

That the proposal to relocate the Falkirk Tourist Information Centre be opposed by the Council and, should VisitScotland pursue their proposed course of action, the Council will review its financial contribution to that organisation.

During the course of debate and in terms of Standing Order 25.2, Councillor Gow, seconded by Councillor C MacDonald moved that "the question be now put". The Provost having ruled that in his opinion, the matter had been discussed sufficiently, the Council proceeded to a simple vote. 18 Members voted for the motion "that the question be now put" and 14 Members voted against the motion. Accordingly, the mover of the original motion was invited to sum up before the original motion was put to the vote.

On a division, 18 Members voted for the Motion and 14 voted for the Amendment.

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