

FC16. PROCUREMENT – SCOTLAND EXCEL

In terms of the 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 8 April 2008, and (b) Report by Director of Corporate and Commercial Services submitted to the meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee held on 8 April 2008.

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

By way of an amendment Councillor Alexander, seconded by Councillor Hughes moved that Council notes the successes of Falkirk Council's existing procurement services, particularly the dramatic increase in contracts awarded to local providers and companies during the period from 2001. Council therefore resolves not to join Scotland Excel.

On a division, 17 Members voted for the Motion and 14 for the Amendment.

Accordingly, **AGREED** that Council acknowledges the key role that Scotland Excel will play in the development and improvement of Local Authority Procurement and the future financial benefits that will be realised from that participation. However, recognising the procurement work that the Council has undertaken both collaboratively and singularly, the Council will not realise immediate financial benefits from participation in Scotland Excel.

It is therefore agreed that the Council does not commit to joining in Year 1, but indicates its support for the principles and ethos of Scotland Excel. The Council shall however regularly appraise the business case for participation and determine the most appropriate time to participate.