

**FC20. REFERRAL FROM HOUSING AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE – 1
APRIL 2008
LOCAL HOUSING STRATEGY – DRAFT HOMELESSNESS STRATEGY
2008 – 13**

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 Housing and Social Services Committee held on 1 April 2008.

Councillor Goldie, seconded by Councillor McNeill moved that the recommendations detailed in the Report considered by the Policy and Resources Committee at its meeting on 8 April 2008 be approved.

By way of an amendment Councillor McNally, seconded by Councillor Meiklejohn moved that Council agree that a section be added to the Strategy calling on the UK Government to amend legislation governing the "Real Estate Investment Trust" to remove residential properties from its options; that Committee also requests that officers take the matter up separately with local MPs and appropriate Westminster Ministers and that the matter be referred to the Policy and Resources Committee.

In terms of Standing Order 24.1(i) a vote was taken by way of a roll call there being 31 Members present, with Members voting as undernoted:-

For the Motion (17) – Provost Reid, Depute Provost Black; Councillors Blackwood, Buchanan, Fry, Goldie, Gow, Lemetti, Mahoney, C Martin, C R Martin, McLuckie, McNeill, Nicol, Nimmo, Patrick and Waddell.

For the Amendment (14) – Councillors Alexander, Carleschi, Coleman, H Constable, J Constable, Hughes, Jackson, Kenna, A MacDonald, McNally, Meiklejohn, Oliver, Spears and Thomson.

Accordingly, **AGREED:-**

- (1) the draft Homeless Strategy 2008-13;
- (2) that a further Report on the matter, following consultation with Stakeholders be submitted to a future meeting of the Housing and Social Services Committee; and
- (3) that a section be added to the Strategy calling on the UK Government to review the legislation governing the "Real Estate Investment Trust" to remove residential properties from its options and that the Council also requests that officers take the matter up separately with local MPs and appropriate Westminster Ministers.