

**RECORD OF VOTES TAKEN AT THE MEETING OF FALKIRK COUNCIL
ON WEDNESDAY 9 MARCH 2016**

Councillors in attendance: 28

David Alexander	Tom Coleman	John McLuckie	Alan Nimmo
David Balfour	Paul Garner	Adrian Mahoney	Martin Oliver
Stephen Bird	Linda Gow	Craig Martin	Joan Paterson
Allyson Black	Gordon Hughes	Dr Craig R Martin	John Patrick
Jim Blackwood	Steven Jackson	Cecil Meiklejohn	Pat Reid
William Buchanan	Charles MacDonald	Rosie Murray	Ann Ritchie
Steven Carleschi	Brian McCabe	Malcolm Nicol	Sandy Turner

Councillors not in attendance - Colin Chalmers, Dennis Goldie, Gerry Goldie and Robert Spears.

Agenda Item: 6	Subject: REVIEW OF STANDING ORDERS	
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MOTION

Council agrees the changes to Standing Orders set out at appendix 3 to the previous report with the addition of the following:-

Standing Order 33

- 33.1 The Council [reference to which includes committees per SO 38] can hear deputations on any matter that is included within its remit.
- 33.2 Every application for admission to the meeting as a deputation must be submitted in writing to the Chief Governance Officer setting out the matters on which the deputation wishes to be heard
- 33.3 Where the application relates to a matter included on the agenda for a meeting, it must be submitted not later than noon on the second last working day before the meeting.
- 33.4 Where the application relates to a matter that will not otherwise appear on the agenda, it must be submitted at least 10 clear days before the meeting.
- 33.5 In all cases the Council shall decide whether to hear the deputation (voting on it if necessary) and no discussion of the merits of the case will take place before that decision has been taken.
- 33.6 Each deputation will not usually exceed five persons and will have ten minutes to present its case. If the meeting decides to hear more than one deputation on the same subject, they will be heard together. The Provost will decide how much time to allow.
- 33.7 Any member can put a question to the deputation that is relevant to the subject matter. The total time for such questions will not usually exceed 10 minutes. The merits of the case must not be discussed by members until the deputation has withdrawn.

Standing Order 10

Leaders' Business Meetings

The Provost will meet with the Leader of the Council and the Leader of the Opposition in advance of every meeting of Council (except where a special meeting is called at short notice and it is impracticable to hold a business meeting) with a view to facilitating the business on the agenda and ensuring, as far as possible, that it will be concluded within the allotted timescale.

Standing Orders 51 and 51.11

Where a member calls in an application to committee he/she will must give valid planning reasons for their actions. These reasons will be included within the subsequent report. Where an application is called in to committee the person who has called the application in will also give an explanation of their interest in the application including declaration of any approaches made to them.

Moved by: C Martin

Seconded by: J Paterson

AMENDMENT

In addition to the motion, Council also agrees to:

- (1) reform full Council meetings to provide for proper access to be given to back bench and opposition Councillors. This would include provision for notices of motion and/ or dedicated opposition time;
- (2) the reform of the Executive, cutting the number of members to three portfolio holders, Leader and Depute Leader of the Administration and three opposition members;
- (3) the slimmed down Executive should be the main policy development forum of the Council with regular meetings designed as development stages operating under suspension of standing orders;
- (4) the reduction of portfolio holders to three to match the number of service departments this not only set an example and is consistent with the changes which have already been implemented;
- (5) opposition to have freedom to nominate whoever they wish from within their own ranks to committees;
- (6) the opposition will hold one of the places on the Health and Social Care Integrated Joint Board, and
- (7) Audit Scotland clearly stated that the Performance Panel should be held in public. In order to meet this condition the agenda will be merged with the main Scrutiny with adjustments between the Internal and External Scrutiny Committees.

Moved by: C Meiklejohn

Seconded by: S Jackson

VOTE

For the motion (15)

A Black	Dr C R Martin
J Blackwood	R Murray
W Buchanan	M Nicol
L Gow	A Nimmo
C MacDonald	P Reid
J McLuckie	J Paterson
A Mahoney	J Patrick
C Martin	

For the amendment (13)

D Alexander	S Jackson
D Balfour	B McCabe
S Bird	C Meiklejohn
S Carleschi	M Oliver
T Coleman	A Ritchie
P Garner	S Turner
G Hughes	

DECISION: Motion carried

Notes

1. This voting record is subject to approval of the formal minute at the next meeting of Council on 11 May 2016.
2. Only those items where a vote was taken are recorded here. For information about decisions reached on any other items considered at this meeting, please contact Brian Pirie on 01324 506110.