

FALKIRK COUNCIL

EXTRACT OF MINUTE of MEETING of the HOUSING AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE held in the MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, FALKIRK on TUESDAY 1 APRIL 2008 at 10.30 a.m.

HSS11. TENDER FOR EXTERNALLY PURCHASED “CARE AT HOME” SERVICES

There was submitted Report (circulated) by the Director of Housing and Social Work Services (a) advising that the Council’s “in-house” Care at Home service provides an extensive care service, highly regarded by service users and carers, (b) explaining the need for the Council to purchase care from external care services to cover, crisis care work, current vacancies and staff absence as well as some more specialist services, (c) advising of the current purchasing process via the Council’s Approved Provider List, and (d) confirming the requirement to tender for externally purchased Care at Home Services and the consultation process to take place.

Discussion took place on the following:-

- Compliance with legislation
- 40% of budget spent on outside agency
- Expansion of in-house service
- Specialist care services provided

- Evaluation of pilot programmes
- Financing arrangements

Councillor Goldie, seconded by Councillor McNeill moved the recommendations contained within the Report.

By way of an amendment, Councillor Coleman, seconded by Councillor A MacDonald moved that recommendation 5.2 should read as follows:-

“Agree to a further report detailing service specifications with particular emphasis on ensuring that any enhanced care services are in-house and proposals for the tender process to the September meeting of the Housing and Social Services Committee.”

On a division 7 Members voted for the Motion and 4 Members voted for the Amendment.

Accordingly **AGREED** to:-

- (1) note the requirement to tender for externally purchased Care at Home Services and the consultation process that will take place over the coming months; and
- (2) a further Report detailing service specifications and proposals for the tender process to the September meeting of the Housing and Social Services Committee.