

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.**

**HSS3. PRIVATE SECTOR HOUSING GRANT – ADDITIONAL FUNDING**

There was submitted Report (circulated) dated 20 March 2008 by the Director of Corporate and Commercial Services (a) informing Members of an additional Private Sector Housing Grant (PSHG) awarded to the Council by Communities Scotland for expenditure prior to March 2010, (b) advising of the Scottish Government's identified priorities, and (c) outlining the Council's expenditure proposals.

Discussion took place on the following:-

- Small Repair Scheme for owner/occupiers and private sector tenants
- Implementation of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2006
- Consultation period
- Guidance from the Scottish Executive
- Staffing and administration cost breakdown

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

By way of an amendment, Councillor McNally, seconded by Councillor Meiklejohn moved the recommendations as contained within the Report with an additional recommendation, namely:-

“Officers look at the feasibility of grant assistance for owner occupiers within a communal close where there is a mixed tenure of housing to enable secure door entry systems to be installed.”

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

Accordingly **AGREED** to:-

- (1) note the award of an additional £335,000 PSHG and the priorities which the Scottish Government has identified for expenditure; and
- (2) authorise Officers to develop detailed proposals for expenditure within the set priorities and to report back to a future meeting of the Committee.