

**RECORD OF VOTES TAKEN AT THE SPECIAL MEETING OF FALKIRK COUNCIL
ON MONDAY 19 DECEMBER 2016**

Councillors in attendance:

David Alexander	Tom Coleman	John McLuckie	Martin Oliver
David Balfour	Paul Garner	Adrian Mahoney	Joan Paterson
Stephen Bird	Dennis Goldie	Craig Martin	John Patrick
Allyson Black	Gerry Goldie (Item 3 only)	Dr Craig R Martin	Pat Reid
Jim Blackwood	Linda Gow	Cecil Meiklejohn	Ann Ritchie
William Buchanan (Item 3 only)	Gordon Hughes	Rosie Murray	Robert Spears
Steven Carleschi	Charles MacDonald	Malcolm Nicol	Sandy Turner
Colin Chalmers	Brian McCabe	Alan Nimmo	

Councillor not in attendance: Councillor Jackson

Agenda Item: 3	Subject: Scottish Government Budget and Local Government Settlement 2017/18
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Motion

Council agrees to:-

- (1) note the draft Scottish Government Budget and Local Government Settlement 2017/18.
- (2) write to the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Constitution advising that the Council does not endorse the settlement and communicating the Council's grave concerns over future cuts in funding to local government in Scotland.

Moved by: C Martin

Seconded by: J Paterson

Amendment

Council agrees to:-

- (1) note the report, and
- (2) write to the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Constitution to congratulate him for the pragmatic settlement which is broadly in line with Falkirk Council's expectations for the forthcoming financial year.

Moved by: C Meiklejohn

Seconded by: T Coleman

Vote

For the motion (18)

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

For the amendment (12)

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

Abstention (1)

B McCabe

Decision: Motion carried

Agenda Item: 5

Subject: Strategic Property Review Stage 1 Report

Motion

Council agrees:-

- (1) the principles set out for a corporate approach to the implementation of the Strategic Property Review, set out in para 4.4 of the report;
- (2) in principle to the suggested Locality Model attached at appendix 1 to the report as a basis for further review of the property portfolio in relation to service needs;
- (3) the next phase of work on the review to implement the Asset Rationalisation Programme contained the report;
- (4) that, following consideration of budget proposals in February 2017, a list of properties is prepared for declaration as surplus and authorisation for disposal in 2017/18 (which will include options for lease as part of a broader business portfolio);
- (5) that further work is initiated on an options appraisal for the Council headquarters project at a maximum cost of £100,000, to include:-
 - (i) assessment of the refurbishment options for the Municipal Buildings, Falkirk; and
 - (ii) the commissioning of a procurement exercise for alternative site options, reporting on the outcome of this work in 2017.
- (6) to request more information on the interim arrangements following the options appraisals;
- (7) that a further report on the outcome of the next stages of work on the Strategic Property Review be provided to the Council during 2017; and
- (8) that there will be no closures without the fullest consultation with all parties involved in a Working Group.

Moved by: D Goldie

Seconded by: J Paterson

Amendment

The terms of the motion with the deletion of clause (5) ii.

Moved by: C Meiklejohn

Seconded by: T Coleman

Vote

For the motion (15)

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

For the amendment (14)

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

DECISION: Motion carried

The further amendment was then moved, and accepted. This was to replace clause 5(ii) with the following:-

5(ii) that the working group will meet as soon as possible to discuss the alternative town centre options referred to by Councillor D Goldie and to report back to a special meeting of Council or the next scheduled meeting as appropriate.

Notes

1. This voting record is subject to approval of the formal minute at the next meeting of Council on 29 March 2017.
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, Democratic Services Manager, 01324 506110.