

## AGENDA ITEM

### FALKIRK COUNCIL

**Subject: REFERRALS FROM HOUSING & SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE  
1<sup>ST</sup> APRIL 2008**  
**Meeting: POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE**  
**Date: 8<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2008**  
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#### 1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The Housing & Social Services Committee met on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2008 and after discussion agreed to refer the following reports to the Policy & Resources Committee for approval. Motions and amendments are noted where appropriate.

- **LOCAL HOUSING STRATEGY – DRAFT HOMELESSNESS STRATEGY 2008-13**

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

By way of an amendment, Councillor McNally, seconded by Councillor Coleman, moved that the following be added to the recommendations in the Report:-

“Agree that a section be added to the Strategy calling on the UK Government to amend the 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”.

Councillor Goldie indicated to the mover of the amendment that he would be minded to accept it as part of the motion in the event that reference to the UK Government amending legislation was deleted and reference to reviewing it substituted therefor. Councillor McNally advised that he insisted on the terms of the amendment as it stood.

Councillor Goldie advised that, with the agreement of the seconder of the motion, he would adjust the text of his motion to incorporate the amendment moved subject to the deletion of the reference to amendment and the substitution of review.

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

Accordingly, **AGREED:-**

- (1) the draft Homelessness Strategy 2008-13;
- (2) that a further report on this matter following consultation with Stakeholders be submitted to a future meeting of the 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; 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.

- **FORTH VALLEY MULTI-AGENCY INSPECTION OF OLDER PEOPLE’S SERVICES;**
- **ADULT SUPPORT & PROTECTION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2007 & LOCAL PROCEDURES;**
- **LEARNING DISABILITY SERVICES;**
- **FALKIRK PARTNERSHIP LEARNING DISABILITY PARTNERSHIP IN PRACTICE AGREEMENT 2007-2010;**
- **IMPLEMENTATION OF NATIONAL CARE HOME CONTRACT.**

## **2. RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 Members are asked to approve the recommendations already endorsed by the Housing & Social Services Committee.

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**Date: 1<sup>st</sup> April 2008**