

FALKIRK COUNCIL

EXTRACT OF MINUTE of MEETING of the POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE held in the MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, FALKIRK on TUESDAY 8 APRIL 2008 at 10.30 a.m.

PR10. REFERRALS FROM HOUSING AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE – 1 APRIL 2008

With reference to Minute of Meeting of the Housing and Social Services Committee held on 1 April 2008 (Paragraphs HSS4, HSS6, HSS7, HSS8, HSS9, HSS12 refer), there was submitted joint Report (circulated) dated 1 April 2008 by the Directors of Corporate and Commercial Services and of Housing and Social Work Services listing the Reports considered by the Housing and Social Services Committee at its meeting on 1 April 2008, namely:

- Local Housing Strategy – Draft Homelessness Strategy 2008-13
- 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

The Reports considered by the Housing and Social Services Committee on 1 April 2008 were appended for Members' information.

Councillor Gow, seconded by Councillor Nimmo, moved the recommendations as approved by the Housing and Social Services Committee.

Local Housing Strategy – Draft Homelessness Strategy 2008-13

By way of an Amendment in relation to the Report on Local Housing Strategy – Draft Homelessness Strategy 2008-13, Councillor Alexander, seconded by Councillor Kenna, moved that Council agree that a section being 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.

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

There being an equality of votes, and in terms of Standing Order 21.6, the Convener used her casting vote in favour of the Motion.

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.