

FALKIRK COUNCIL

EXTRACT OF MINUTE of MEETING of the ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE COMMITTEE held in the MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, FALKIRK on TUESDAY 15 APRIL 2008 at 10.30 a.m.

EH11. SMARTER CHOICES, SMARTER PLACES

There was submitted Report (circulated) by the Director of Development Services dated 9 April 2008 advising on (a) background to Smarter Choices, Smarter Places; (b) available funding; (c) project criteria; (d) area chosen as suitable for a bid, and (e) potential projects.

Discussion took place on the following:-

- Proposed projects and funding available
- Difficulties of matched funding projects

Councillor Mahoney, seconded by Councillor C R Martin, moved that the Committee:-

- (1) notes the advantages and implications of the *Smarter Choices, Smarter Places* project;
- (2) refers the Report to the Council with a recommendation that the Director of Development Services, in consultation with the Director of Finance, submits a Stage 1 bid for the Larbert and Stenhousemuir area to the Scottish Government for the *Smarter Choices, Smarter Places* project; and
- (3) notes that the outcome will be reported to Members.

By way of an amendment, Councillor Coleman, seconded by Councillor McNally, moved that the Bonnybridge and Larbert Ward and the Denny and Banknock Ward also be included in the Stage 1 Bid together with the Larbert and Stenhousemuir area.

On a division, the Motion defeated the Amendment by 6 votes to 5 and accordingly **AGREED** in terms of the Motion.