

FALKIRK COUNCIL

MINUTE of MEETING of the POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE held in the MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, FALKIRK on TUESDAY 3 JUNE 2008 at 10.30 a.m.

PRESENT:- Provost Reid; Depute Provost Black; Councillors Alexander, Gow, Jackson, Kenna, Nimmo and Spears.

CONVENER:- Councillor Gow.

ATTENDING:- Chief Executive; Directors of Community Services, of Corporate and Commercial Services, of Development Services, of Education Services, of Finance and of Housing and Social Work Services; Acting Director of Law and Administration Services; Head of Policy Performance and Review, Legal Services Manager (C Moodie); Corporate Policy Officer (A Hamilton) and Senior Committee Services Officer.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST: In connection with item PR37, Depute Provost Black advised that she was a Board member of the Order of Malta Dial-a-Journey and that a family member was also a user of the service but that, in her view, neither involvement prevented her from taking part in consideration of the item.

PR36. REFERRALS FROM EDUCATION AND LEISURE COMMITTEE – 20 MAY 2008

With reference to Minute of Meeting of the Education and Leisure Committee held on 20 May 2008 (Paragraphs EL3, EL4, EL5, EL6 and EL7 respectively refer), there was submitted joint Report (circulated) dated 28 May 2008 by the Directors of Education and of Community Services listing the Reports considered by the Education and Leisure Committee at its meeting on 20 May 2008, namely:-

- Shared Headteachers in Primary Schools (Par EL3)
- Education Management Information System (MIS) (Par EL4)
- Lecropt/Dundas School Amalgamation/Consultation On New Name (Par EL5)
- Glasgow 2014: Delivering A Lasting Legacy For Scotland (Par EL6)
- Community Use of PFI Class 98 Schools (Par EL7)

The Reports considered by the Education and Leisure Committee on 20 May 2008 were appended for Members' information.

Councillor Gow, seconded by Councillor Nimmo, moved the recommendations as agreed by the Education and Leisure Committee.

Shared Headteachers in Primary Schools

By way of an amendment, Councillor Alexander, seconded by Councillor Kenna moved:-

“should the initial recruitment process to find a headteacher fail, a second advertising process should be undertaken with all applications being considered by the Appointments Committee”.

On a division, 4 Members voted 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, **RESOLVED** in terms of the Motion, namely:-

- (i) to note the outcomes of the consultation exercise;
- (ii) to note that the first option should be to recruit a headteacher to each school;
- (iii) to note that if it proves difficult to recruit a headteacher to a small school (as defined in paragraph 2.1 of the report), it should be available to the Director of Education to consider the option of a shared responsibility following consultation; and
- (iv) to note that if a shared headship were to be agreed, a principal teacher post would be created in a small school to provide appropriate management support.