

**FALKIRK COUNCIL**

**MINUTE of SPECIAL MEETING of FALKIRK COUNCIL held in the MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, FALKIRK on MONDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 2009 at 9.30 am.**

**PRESENT:** Provost Reid; Depute Provost Black; Councillors Alexander, Blackwood, Buchanan, Coleman, J Constable, Goldie, Jackson, Kenna, Lemetti, A MacDonald, C MacDonald, Mahoney, C Martin, C R Martin, McLuckie, McNally, McNeill, Meiklejohn, Nicol, Nimmo, Oliver, Patrick, Spears, Thomson and Waddell.

**CONVENER:** Provost Reid

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors Carleschi, H Constable, Fry, Gow and Hughes.

**ATTENDING:** Chief Executive; Director of Development Services; Acting Director of Law and Administration; Acting Head of Planning and Transportation; Development Manager, Planning and Transportation and Democratic Services Manager.

**DECLARATIONS**

**OF INTERESTS:** None.

**FC35. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PLANNING ETC (SCOTLAND) ACT 2006 – PRE-DETERMINATION HEARINGS**

With reference to Minute of Meeting of Falkirk Council held on 24 June 2009 (Paragraph FC22 refers), there was submitted Report (circulated) dated 8 September 2009 by the Director of Development Services (a) advising of the requirements of the Planning (etc) Scotland Act 2006 in respect of pre-determination hearings (b) detailing proposed procedures for managing pre-determination hearings, and (c) detailing consequential amendments to Standing Orders, should the proposed procedures be adopted.

**AGREED:-**

- (1) to delegate to the Planning Committee the holding of pre-determination hearings with the Committee being expanded to include all members of the Council for such purposes;
- (2) to amend the Council's Standing Orders as set out in Appendix 1 to the Report; and
- (3) the pre-determination hearing procedures as set out in Appendix 2 to the Report.

**NOTED** the expectation that a minimum of twenty one days' notice would normally be provided for pre-determination hearings.

Councillor Kenna joined the meeting during consideration of the foregoing item of business.