

FALKIRK COUNCIL

EXTRACT of MINUTE of MEETING of the POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE held in the MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, FALKIRK on TUESDAY 17 NOVEMBER 2009 at 10.30 a.m.

PR78. WORKS ON PRIVATE ROADS AT BALMORAL GARDENS AND PARK AVENUE, BRIGHTONS – PROVISION OF ASSISTANCE TO RESIDENTS

There was submitted joint Report (circulated) dated 10 November 2009 by the Director of Development Services and Acting Director of Law and Administration (a) detailing a proposal by residents at Balmoral Gardens and Park Avenue, Brightons to have work undertaken on the private roads within their area in order to bring them up to adoptable standard, and (b) seeking a decision from Committee on a request from the residents for support from the Council.

In line with the recommendations contained within the Report, Councillor Gow, seconded by Council Fry moved:-

- (a) that the Council should agree, in principle, to provide support, in the form of front funding, to the residents in the situation as described paragraph 2.3 of the Report;
- (b) that the sum of £20,000 be fixed as a ceiling on the total amount available for such funding, and
- (c) that authorisation be given to the Director of Development Services and the Acting Director of Law and Administration to consider and agree any applications for such support subject to the agreed financial ceiling of £20,000 and the conclusion of an agreement assuring the security for the Council's debt.

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

- (a) Committee notes the absence of a clear policy on the use of public money to upgrade private roads and therefore agrees to ask officers to instigate such a policy development review.
- (b) In the formulation of such a policy officers will take as guidance the committees agreement in principle to provide support in the form of up front funding to residents in the situation described in paragraph 2.3 of the Report providing this does not adversely impact on the Council's investment in public roads.
- (c) Committee also seeks a full audit of all of Falkirk Council's private roads and report back on issues affecting each one of them given the Council's statement of equal treatment for all communities.

On a division, 5 Members voted for the Motion and 3 for the Amendment.

Accordingly **AGREED:-**

- (a) to provide support in principle, in the form of front funding, to the residents in the situation described paragraph 2.3 of the Report;
- (b) that the sum of £20,000 be fixed as a ceiling on the total amount available for such funding, and
- (c) that authorisation be given to the Director of Development Services and the Acting Director of Law and Administration to consider and agree any applications for such support subject to the agreed financial ceiling of £20,000 and the conclusion of an agreement assuring the security for the Council's debt.