

FALKIRK COUNCIL

EXTRACT of MINUTE of SPECIAL MEETING of the POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE held in the MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, FALKIRK on 16 JUNE 2010 at 2.00 P.M.

PR26. REFERRAL FROM HOUSING AND SOCIAL CARE COMMITTEE – 25 MAY 2010

With reference to Minute of Meeting of the Housing and Social Care Committee held on 25 May 2010 (Paragraphs HSC2, HSC5 and HSC7 refers), there was submitted joint Report (circulated) dated 25 May 2010 by the Directors of Corporate and Neighbourhood Services and of Development Services enclosing Reports considered by the said Committee with the recommendations being referred to the Policy and Resources Committee, for approval, namely:-

- **Small Repair and Handyperson Service**

Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Fry, moved the recommendations contained within the Report.

By way of an Amendment, Councillor Alexander, seconded by Councillor Kenna moved the following:-

“Committee believes that the proposal to charge elderly residents for the use of a service previously free is a further breach of the Council’s Social Inclusion Policies and ethos.

Committee therefore agrees that this service should remain free at the point of delivery.

Committee also agrees to retain the existing qualification criteria.”

On a division, 4 Members voted for the Motion and 3 Members for the Amendment.

Accordingly, **AGREED**:-

- (1) To the introduction of a Small Repair and Handyperson Service on a permanent basis as outlined within the Report;
- (2) The outlined options for delivery which will be met within the existing Private Sector Housing Grant (PSHG) budget, and
- (3) The principle of charging and proposal to introduce a change of £12.50 per hour for the Small Repair and Handyperson Service, as detailed within the Report.