

**FALKIRK COUNCIL**

**EXTRACT of MINUTE of MEETING of the POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE held in the MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, FALKIRK on TUESDAY 10 AUGUST 2010 at 10.30 a.m.**

**PR29. FINANCIAL POSITION 2010/11**

There was submitted Report (circulated) dated 26 July 2010 by the Director of Finance (a) presenting the financial position for the period 1 April to 30 June 2010; (b) projecting a year end underspend of £0.109m and (c) summarising the preparatory work currently underway at local and national level in anticipation of a reduction in funding for public bodies.

Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Fry moved the recommendations in the Report.

By way of an amendment, Councillor Alexander, seconded by Councillor Hughes moved the following:-

“Members are invited to note the spending in the current year.

Members also agree that the cuts being proposed by the Conservative/Liberal Westminster Government will have a detrimental effect on not only the provision of essential services to the most vulnerable within our community but also the wider Falkirk economy.

Members therefore agree to the following course of action.

- (1) write to the London Chancellor demanding the maintenance of public services at their current level of funding and reminding him that the financial problems facing the UK economy were not caused by the failure of the Public Sector,
- (2) invite all of the local MSPs and MPs to support a Falkirk Council position of no cuts,
- (3) Condemn as dogmatic the comment from the Conservative Prime Minister that all cuts in funding of the Public Sector are permanent; and
- (4) Prepare regular reports for full Council on the impact of the Westminster cuts on the provision of Council services.”

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

There being an equality of votes and in terms of Standing Order 21.6, the Convener used his casting vote in favour of the Motion.

Accordingly, **NOTED:-**

- (i) this first projection of spending in the current year, and
- (ii) the update relating to the preparatory work being undertaken for 2011/12 to 2013/14.