

FALKIRK COUNCIL

EXTRACT OF MINUTE of MEETING of the POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE held in the MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, FALKIRK on TUESDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 2007 at 10.30 am.

PR53. REFERRALS FROM HOUSING AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE – 4 SEPTEMBER 2007

With reference to Minute of Meeting of the Housing and Social Services Committee held on 4 September 2007 (Paragraphs HSS2, HSS6, HSS11 and HSS5 refers), there was submitted Report (circulated) dated 5 September 2007 by Director of Housing and Social Work Services listing Reports considered by the Housing and Social Services Committee at its meeting on 4 September 2007, namely:-

- Equality Scheme
- Allocations
- Local Housing Strategy Update 2007
- Multi-Agency Public Protection Arrangements, National Accommodation Strategy for Sex Offenders.

The Reports considered by the Housing and Social Services Committee on 4 September 2007 were appended for Members' information.

Multi-Agency Public Protection Arrangements, National Accommodation Strategy for Sex Offenders

Councillor Gow, seconded by Councillor Nimmo, moved acceptance of the recommendations of the Housing and Social Services Committee subject to, in relation to the item entitled Multi-Agency Public Protection Arrangements, National Accommodation Strategy for Sex Offenders, an amendment to the wording of the additional recommendation that had been approved by the Committee as follows:-

“To authorise the Housing and Social Services Convener to write to the Justice Secretary to consider the naming of registered sex offenders.”

By way of an amendment on this specific report, Councillor Alexander, seconded by Councillor Kenna, moved that Committee approve the recommendations detailed in the original Report.

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.

Allocations

By way of an amendment in relation to the Item entitled “Allocations”, Councillor Jackson, seconded by Councillor Kenna, moved that the Council remove the restriction on the number of bedrooms short on an application where the applicant is overcrowded by more than 2 bedrooms. This means that families who are more than 2 bedrooms short will receive the points they are entitled to, namely 90 points where a family currently living in a property 3 bedrooms short of their stated need and so on.

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.

There being no amendments submitted in respect of the remaining items, namely Equality Scheme and Local Housing Strategy Update 2007, **AGREED** in terms of the recommendations from the Housing and Social Services Committee.

