

FALKIRK COUNCIL

MINUTE of MEETING of the HOUSING AND SOCIAL CARE COMMITTEE held in the MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, FALKIRK on TUESDAY 6 NOVEMBER 2012 at 9.30 a.m.

HSC29. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC

RESOLVED in terms of Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, to exclude from the meeting the press and public for the following item of business on the grounds that it would involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 3 and 5 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A to the said Act.

HSC31. FUTURE LAND SUPPLY FOR COUNCIL NEW BUILD

With reference to Minute of Meeting of the Housing and Social Care Committee held on 28 August 2012 (paragraph HSC9 refers), there was submitted Report (circulated) dated 17 October 2012 by the Director of Corporate and Neighbourhood Services (a) providing an update on the progress to date on 10 proposed sites being considered as potential Council new build sites; (b) attaching as appendices to the Report, location maps of the 10 proposed sites, and (c) outlining the current status in relation to the 6 sites currently being progressed as part of the Council's Strategic Housing Investment Plan and Strategic Local Programme.

Discussion took place on the following:

- the disposal of potential sites which were previously within the ownership of education services
- the disposal of the potential site at Stenhousemuir Police Station
- the need for new affordable housing in the Council area

Councillor Goldie, seconded by Councillor Nimmo moved the recommendations contained within the Report, namely:-

- 6.1 to note the progress made to date;
- 6.2 agrees that detailed feasibility studies are carried out for each of the 10 sites detailed in 4.2 above and shown on the attached plans in Appendix 1;
- 6.3 agrees that further consultation with local members will take place once the overall viability of the sites is established and indicative sketch layouts are available, and
- 6.4 agrees that further updates on progress will be reported to Committee as required.

By way of an Amendment, Councillor Alexander, seconded by Councillor Chalmers moved that recommendation 6.2 contained in the Report, be substituted with the following:-

- 6.2 agrees that detailed feasibility studies are carried out for each of the 10 sites detailed in 4.2 above, including a feasibility into the retention of the Stenhousemuir Police Station building and retention of the Registry Office shown on the plans in Appendix 1, pending full public consultation.

On a division, 4 Members voted for the Motion and 4 Members 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** the progress made to date.

AGREED that:

- (1) detailed feasibility studies be carried out for each of the 10 sites detailed in paragraph 4.2 of the Report and shown on the plans in Appendix 1 to the Report;
- (2) further consultation with local members take place once the overall viability of the sites is established and indicative sketch layouts are available, and
- (3) further updates on progress will be reported to Committee as required.