

FALKIRK COUNCIL

MINUTE of SPECIAL MEETING of FALKIRK COUNCIL held in the MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, FALKIRK on THURSDAY 11 APRIL 2013 at 10.00 AM.

PRESENT: Provost Reid; Depute Provost Patrick; Councillors Alexander, Balfour, Bird, Black, Blackwood, Carleschi, Chalmers, Coleman, D Goldie, G Goldie, Gow, Hughes, Jackson, MacDonald, McCabe, McLuckie, Mahoney, C Martin, Dr C R Martin, Meiklejohn, Murray, Nicol, Nimmo, Paterson, Ritchie and Spears.

CONVENER: Provost Reid.

ATTENDING: Chief Executive; Director of Education Services; Chief Governance Officer; Head of Educational Planning and Resources; Depute Chief Governance Officer; Senior Forward Planning Officer and Democratic Services Manager.

FC1. SEDERUNT

The sederunt was taken by way of a roll call. Apologies were submitted on behalf of Councillors Buchanan, McNally, Oliver and Turner.

FC2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations were made.

FC3. NOTICE OF MOTION

RC Primary School Intake

Councillor Carleschi, seconded by Councillor Hughes, moved that:-

“Council notes the recent decision to cap the intake at St Mungo’s RC High School in order to manage future capacity pressures which was agreed by all members after full consultation with parents.

Council also notes the recent P1 cap imposed on RC feeder primary schools to St Mungo's has caused concern across the district; this was not subject to the same consultation process with parents, teaching staff and elected members.

Council instructs officers to remove the current cap placed on these RC primary schools for the coming academic year to allow a full review of the impacts of this policy to be consulted on with the parents, teaching staff and elected members".

By way of an amendment, Councillor Nimmo, seconded by Councillor Paterson, moved the following in substitution for the motion:-

"Council fully recognises the need for a fair and robust school admissions policy.

Council fully supports the criteria contained in the current policy and supports the need for a cap to be implemented this year to protect the viability of the RC Primary Schools in question, and that of St Mungo's High School in the longer term".

In terms of Standing Order 21.4(1) a vote was taken by roll call, there being 28 members present with voting as undernoted:-

For the motion (12) - Councillors Alexander, Balfour, Bird, Carleschi, Chalmers, Coleman, Hughes, Jackson, McCabe, Meiklejohn, Ritchie and Spears.

For the amendment (16) – Provost Reid; Depute Provost Patrick; Councillors Black, Blackwood, D Goldie, G Goldie, Gow, MacDonald, McLuckie, Mahoney, C Martin, Dr C R Martin, Murray, Nicol, Nimmo and Paterson.

Accordingly, **AGREED** the terms of the amendment.