

FC74. NOTICES OF MOTION

(d) Community Council Funding

Councillor Spears seconded by Councillor McCabe moved that:-

It is unanimously recognised that the role played in local governance issues by all of our Community Councils is invaluable under severe economic constraint. Current funding levels have been in place for approximately 10 years.

Council therefore seeks a full appraisal of current levels of funding to Community Councils, with a view to assessing that levels of financial and secondary support are adequate to allow Community Councils to fully comply with their statutory remit.

Councillor C Martin, seconded by Councillor Nimmo, moved the following amendment in substitution for the motion:-

Council recognises the important role that community councillors play in statutory consultation and local democracy. Council appreciates the ever increasing workload, especially now that community engagement is high on our agendas.

10 years has passed since Council reviewed the "Scheme of Establishment" for Community Councils.

Accordingly, Council agrees to carry out a full review of its Scheme of Establishment, which will include a review of the financial support.

The review to be completed for implementation by November 2013, the date of the next Community Council elections.

Following discussion, Councillor Spears, with the consent of the Provost and Councillor McCabe, as his seconder, agreed to incorporate the terms of the amendment within his motion.

Accordingly,

NOTED:-

- (1) the important role that community councillors play in statutory consultations and local democracy, Council appreciates the ever increasing workload, especially now that community engagement is high on our agendas, and
- (2) that 10 years has passed since Council reviewed the "Scheme of Establishment" for Community Councils.

AGREED to carry out a full review of its Scheme of Establishment, which will include a review of the financial support (a full appraisal of current levels of funding to Community Councils, with a view to assessing that levels of financial

and secondary support are adequate to allow Community Councils to fully comply with their statutory remit).

The review to be completed for implementation by November 2013, the date of the next Community Councils election.