

## FC84. IMPLEMENTING 'TOWARDS A FAIRER FALKIRK' – UPDATE REPORT

With reference to the Minute of the Meeting held on 2 March 2011 (Paragraph FC82 refers) there was submitted Report (circulated) dated 22 December 2011 by the Director of Corporate and Neighbourhood Services providing an update on the implementation of the Council's Poverty Strategy, highlighting key strands of work being taken forward.

Councillor C Martin, seconded by Councillor Nimmo, moved that Council:-

- “(1) notes the progress made to date with Towards a Fairer Falkirk;
- (2) notes the series of seminars being developed for Members as part of the Poverty Strategy which focus on the changes to benefits under the Welfare Reform Act;
- (3) notes the work being undertaken on the implementation of the charging and concessions strategy, and
- (4) agrees further reports are presented on the implementation of the Council's Poverty Strategy, including an update on the use of the Fairer Falkirk Fund”.

Councillor Alexander, seconded by Councillor Oliver, moved an Amendment to the Motion in the following terms:-

- (i) the insertion of “lack of” before “progress in (1) and the addition, at the end, of “and notes the lack of outcomes within the paper”, and
- (ii) the replacement of (4) with “notes with disappointment the lack of acknowledgement of the impact on low paid groups of the Labour/Tory coalition charging regime for services previously delivered free to vulnerable people. Council therefore agrees to receive a report back on this matter at the March meeting of full Council.”

In terms of Standing Order 21.4 (i) a vote was taken by roll call, there being 30 members present with voting as undernoted:-

For the Motion (16) – Provost Reid; Depute Provost Black; Councillors Blackwood, Buchanan, Goldie, Gow, C MacDonald, Mahoney, C Martin, C R Martin, McLuckie, McNeill, Nicol, Nimmo, Patrick and Waddell.

For the Amendment (14) – Councillors Alexander, Carleschi, Coleman, Hughes, Jackson, Kenna, A MacDonald, McNally, Meiklejohn, Oliver, Ritchie, Spears and Thomson and Turner.

Accordingly **NOTED:-**

- (1) the progress made to date with Towards a Fairer Falkirk;
- (2) the series of seminars being developed for Members as part of the Poverty Strategy which focus on the changes to benefits under the Welfare Reform Act, and

- (3) the work being undertaken on the implementation of the charging and concessions strategy.

**AGREED** that further Reports will be presented on the implementation of the Council's Poverty Strategy, including an update on the use of the Fairer Falkirk Fund.