

FC8. FALKIRK COMMUNITY TRUST – IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE

With reference to the Minute of Meeting held on 8 December 2010 (Paragraph FC61 refers), there was submitted Report (circulated) by the Chief Executive (a) summarising progress made towards implementing Falkirk Community Trust, and (b) presenting a proposed organisational structure for the Trust.

Councillor Mahoney, seconded by Councillor Lemetti, moved the recommendations set out in the Report.

By way of an Amendment, Councillor Coleman, seconded by Councillor Oliver, moved that Council:-

“notes the lack in both clarity and progress in the privatisation of this valued council department.

Notes the lack of any participation and therefore scrutiny by Elected Members of Falkirk Council in the development of the concept and structures and believes that this report poses more questions than answers.

Believes that the uncertainties contained within the report, most notably in sections 3.2, 3.3 and 3.4 fundamentally undermine the privatisation proposals.

Therefore believes that the privatisation of Leisure Services is dogma driven and should not progress until all outstanding issues including Best Value issues or the proposed structures are clarified, this to be achieved by referring the entire matter to Falkirk Council’s Best Value Forum for full scrutiny.”

On a division, 16 Members voted for the Motion and 13 voted for the Amendment.

Accordingly, **NOTED** the progress and issues identified in implementing the Trust.

AGREED that suitable arrangements are put in place to allow appropriate time off for Trade Union representatives who have responsibility for Union members in both the Council and the Trust.