

FC10. THE FUTURE OF POLICING AND FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES IN SCOTLAND – CONSULTATION RESPONSE

There was submitted Report (circulated) dated 23 March 2011 by the Chief Executive (a) advising of the background to consultations by the Scottish Government on the future of Scottish Police and Fire Services; (b) highlighting the key issues, and implications of the consultations, (c) summarising COSLA's position with regard to public sector reform, and (d) presenting draft, responses to the consultations.

NOTED the:-

- (1) key aspects and issues emerging from the respective Police and Fire and Rescue Service consultation exercises, and
- (2) options for future structures provided in the consultation documents.

AGREED to:-

- (1) authorise Officers to submit responses, as set out at Appendix 1 of the report (Police) and at Appendix 2 of the report (Fire and Rescue), on behalf of the Council to the respective consultations, and
- (2) endorse the principles established by COSLA with regard to public sector reform as set out in paragraph 24 of the COSLA submission attached as Appendix 3 to the report.