

FC26. REFERRAL FROM HOUSING AND SOCIAL CARE COMMITTEE – 25 MAY 2010 - SMALL REPAIR AND HANDYPERSON SERVICE

In terms of the Council's Scheme of Delegation, this item had been called into Council by Councillors Alexander and Kenna.

There was submitted (a) Extract of Minute of Special Meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee held on 16 June 2010; and (b) Joint Report by the Director of Corporate and Neighbourhood Services and the Director of Development Services submitted to the said special meeting (a) providing an update on pilot projects for a combined Small Repair Service and Handyperson Service, and (b) seeking approval for the introduction of such a Service.

Councillor Blackwood, seconded by Councillor McLuckie, moved the recommendations as detailed in the Report to the extent that they referred to this item.

By way of an Amendment, Councillor Meiklejohn, seconded by Councillor A MacDonald moved that Council:-

- “(1) believes that the proposal to charge elderly residents for the use of a service previously free is a further breach of the Council's Social Inclusion Policies and ethos,
- (2) therefore agrees that this service should remain free at the point of delivery, and
- (3) also agrees to retain the existing qualification criteria.”

On a division, 17 Members voted for the Motion and 13 voted for the Amendment.

Accordingly **AGREED:-**

- (1) to the introduction of a Small Repair and Handyperson Service on a permanent basis as outlined within the Report to the Housing and Social Care Committee on 25 May 2010;
- (2) the outlined options for delivery which will be met within the existing Private Sector Housing Grant (PSHG) budget; and
- (3) the principle of charging and proposal to introduce a change of £12.50 per hour for the Small Repair and Handyperson Service, as detailed within the said Report.