

## FC76. FINANCIAL POSITION

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

There was submitted (circulated) (a) Extract of Minute of Meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee held on 20 October 2009 and (b) Report by the Director of Finance Services submitted to the said meeting.

Councillor Gow, seconded by Councillor C MacDonald, moved the recommendations as detailed in the Report.

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

“notes the continued failure of the Administration to accept the principle of corporate responsibility for the continued budget deficits.

This is best highlighted by the statement of the Convener of Housing and Social Care Committee who admitted that he was “left to get on with it” at the recent meeting of the full Council.

Council therefore re-affirms the previously established requirement for the current Administration to embrace the principles of corporate responsibility and corporate management.

To achieve this Council agrees to the establishment of an all party working group made up of the leaders and deputed of the Labour and SNP groups, the leader of the Conservative Group, one aligned and one non Aligned Independent.

The purpose of the Working Group would be to undertake a full scrutiny of the areas of budgetary pressure including detailed scrutiny of the actions being taken to deal with these pressures and the impact this is having on front line services.

The Working Group will meet as often as a minimum of three members of the group feel appropriate and report back to the council with any recommendations the majority of the group feel appropriate with provision provided for the production of minority reports.”

Following discussion, and in terms of Standing Order 25.2(ii), Councillor Gow, seconded by Councillor Mahoney moved that “the question now be put.” All Members being in agreement thereto, and the mover of the original motion foregoing her right to speak in reply, the Motion was put to the vote.

On a division 16 Members voted for the Motion and 14 voted for the Amendment.

Accordingly, **AGREED** to reaffirm that Directors should take appropriate action to bring spending into line with the approved budget.

**NOTED** the:-

- (1) latest projection of the amount of expenditure which is likely to be incurred in 2009/10, and

- (2) details of the Draft Scottish Budget 2010/11 and its likely effect on the Council's finances as outlined in the Report.