

**FC69. BETTER ASSETS, BETTER SERVICES ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN:
OFFICE ACCOMMODATION – EDUCATION SERVICES**

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 17 November 2009, and (b) Joint Report by the Directors of Community Services and of Education Services submitted to the said meeting advising that, in terms of on-going work in relation to options for the Council's office accommodation requirements across all Services, an opportunity had arisen to relocate Education Services' staff from both their Headquarters at McLaren House and office accommodation in Haypark, Polmont to an identified site at 2 Inchyra Road, Grangemouth.

Councillor Gow, seconded by Councillor McLuckie, moved the recommendation as contained in the Report.

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

“A decision on the relocation be not taken at this meeting but that the matter be referred to the Best Value Forum with all outstanding issues in the paper being addressed as part of that process before a final decision is taken”.

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, Gow, Lemetti, C MacDonald, Mahoney, C Martin, C R Martin, McLuckie, McNeill, Nicol, Nimmo, Patrick and Waddell.

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

Accordingly **AGREED** to :-

- (a) make the necessary arrangements to relocate Education Services' administrative headquarters to 2 Inchyra Road, Grangemouth, and
- (b) terminate the lease of McLaren House and other Haypark offices, effective from 31 July 2010.