

#### **FC74. NATIONAL ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA AND WAITING TIMES FOR PERSONAL AND NURSING CARE OF OLDER PEOPLE**

There was submitted Report (circulated) dated 16 November 2009 by the Acting Director of Social Work Services (a) advising of guidance on the National Eligibility Criteria and Waiting Times for Personal and Nursing Care of Older People which had been issued jointly by the Scottish Government and COSLA, and (b) setting out proposals for the implementation of the guidance.

Councillor Blackwood, seconded by Councillor McNeill, moved the recommendations as detailed in the Report.

By way of an Amendment, Councillor Meiklejohn, seconded by Councillor McNally moved that, in addition to agreeing recommendation 7.(1) of the Report, Council agrees to:-

- (2) implement the Sutherland Recommendations on Free Personal Care only and welcomes the additional financial resources allocated by the SNP Government, and
- (3) refer the matter of the qualification for non free personal care services to a Special Meeting of Housing and Social Care Committee to properly scrutinise the contents of the Report and its impact on existing and future services users.

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, CR 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:-**

- (1) to note the guidance issued by the Scottish Government relating to National Eligibility Criteria as set out in the Appendix to the Report, and
- (2) to approve the proposals for the implementation of the guidance as detailed in paragraphs 5.1 to 5.7 of the Report.