

### FC39. FINANCIAL POSITION 2009/10

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 11 August 2009 and (b) Report by the Director of Finance Services submitted to the meeting of Policy and Resources Committee held on 11 August 2009.

Councillor Gow, seconded by Councillor Nimmo, moved the recommendations contained in the Report.

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

“Notes with concern the continued failure of the Administration to properly manage the budget of Social Services in a manner that allows the Council to balance its commitments to each of our Services.

Council therefore agrees to call a minimum of one additional meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee in each of the cycles of meetings between now and the budget meeting in February.

The only item on the agenda will be the financial management and organisation of the Social Work Department.

The purpose of these additional meetings is to properly hold officers and Members to account for the continued budget overspend within Social Services and seek solutions to this continued problem.

Committee will review all aspects of management and have the power to call both officers and Members before it before reporting back to full Council.”

On a division 16 Members voted for the Motion and 13 voted for the Amendment.

Accordingly, **AGREED** to:-

- (1) note the first projection of the amount of expenditure which is likely to be incurred in 2009/10, and
- (2) instruct Directors to take appropriate action to bring spending into line with the approved budget.