

FC106. PROVISION OF CARE AT HOME & HOUSING SUPPORT SERVICE AS PART OF A FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT (C/N:SW/024/09)

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 13 January 2009, and (b) Report by the Director of Social Work Services (a) referring to the formal tendering process for the Care at Home and Housing Support Services Contract, and (b) attaching as Appendix 1 a list of tenders selected for the provision of care at home and housing support services as part of the Framework Agreement.

Councillor Gow, seconded by Councillor Fry, moved the recommendations in the Report.

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

- (1) "Committee notes the real cuts in services being delivered to some of the most vulnerable within our communities and believes these are unacceptable in a civilised society; and
- (2) Committee therefore rejects the report until there has been a proper assessment carried out into the levels of service actually being delivered within these service areas. In the meantime the status quo both in terms of service level agreements and budgetary amounts remains in place".

In terms of Standing Order 21.4 (i) a vote was taken by way of a roll call, there being 29 Members present, with Members voting as undernoted:-

For the Motion (17) – Provost Reid, Depute Provost Black, Councillors Blackwood, Buchanan, Fry, Goldie, Gow, Lemetti, C MacDonald, Mahoney, C Martin, C R Martin, McLuckie, McNeill, Nicol, Nimmo and Waddell.

For the Amendment (12) – Councillors Alexander, Carleschi, Coleman, Hughes, Jackson, Kenna, A MacDonald, McNally, Meiklejohn, Oliver, Spears and Thomson.

Accordingly, **AGREED:-**

- (1) to approve acceptance of the tenders submitted as detailed in Appendix 1 of the Report with an estimated annual spend of approximately £7,500,000 in respect of a Framework Agreement for the Provision of Care at Home and Housing Support Service to Falkirk Council from 6 April 2009 to 31 March 2011; and
- (2) that a further Report be submitted to the Housing and Social Care Committee to provide information on the first six months of activity under the Framework Agreement.