

## **FC78. MOTIONS**

### **(b) Rent Recalculation**

Councillor A MacDonald seconded by Councillor Hughes moved that:-

“Council notes with concern the impact the current crisis is having on local businesses, particularly small to medium sized businesses (SMEs).

To assist local SMEs who are tenants of the local authority council agrees to an in principled halt to rent recalculation exercises that would result in a rent rise over the next two financial years.

Council therefore seeks a report from Community Services to be submitted to the Economic Development Committee on the mechanism and issues for implementing such a policy.

Council further instructs officers of the Economic Development Section to develop further initiatives, as a matter of urgency, to assist SMEs during the economic downturn, with a report presented to the Policy and Resources Committee at the earliest opportunity”.

There followed a 10 minute adjournment to allow members to consider the terms of the motion and reconvened with all members present as per the sederunt with the exception of Depute Provost Black and Councillor Nicol.

With the consent of the Provost and Councillor Hughes, as seconder, in accordance with Standing Order 19.7, Councillor A MacDonald withdrew the motion having been advised that the issues referred to in the motion would be considered in a report to Council on 10 December 2009.