

## FC78. MOTIONS

### (d) Repair and Improvement Programmes

Councillor Alexander, seconded by Councillor McNally moved that:-

“Recent report considered by Falkirk Council has indicated that the Credit Crunch has had a significant impact on Falkirk Council’s ability to meet commitments and implement policies and programmes.

Council recognises that this will also impact on the ability of individual households to deal with circumstances that may arise from the changes we have all seen within the financial markets.

In particular Council believes that the ability of owner occupiers to meet requirements to participate in communal repairs and improvement programmes may be compromised by the lack of ability to obtain funding from the banks.

Council therefore agrees to,

- (1) recognise that we are living within unique times.
- (2) ask officers to bring forward a report on how occupiers can be assisted using the reports approved by Falkirk Council on the high rise flats contracts as a model for this and future year’s capital programme; and
- (3) present the findings and recommendations from this piece of work to a meeting of the Housing and Social Work Committee at the earliest opportunity”

By way of an amendment Councillor Goldie seconded by Councillor McNeill moved that:-

“Council recognises communities are living in unique times, and asks officers to bring forward a report on how owner-occupiers could be assisted to take part in repair/refurbishment programmes in mixed tenure estates.

Council asks officers to present these findings to a future meeting of the Housing and Social Work Committee, including any adverse impact on tenanted properties.”

On a division 14 Members voted for the Motion and 17 for the Amendment.

Accordingly, **RESOLVED** in terms of the Amendment.