

FC71. SUBSTANCE MISUSE

In terms of the Council's Scheme of Delegation, this item had been called into Council by Councillors J Constable, Hughes and Meiklejohn.

There was submitted (circulated) (a) Extract of Minute of Meeting of the Community Health and Safety Committee held on 19 August 2008; and (b) Report by the Director of Corporate and Neighbourhood Services submitted to the said meeting.

Councillor C MacDonald, seconded by Councillor McLuckie, moved the recommendations as approved by the Community Health and Safety Committee meeting at its meeting on 19 August 2008.

By way of an amendment, Councillor Meiklejohn seconded by Councillor Thomson moved:-

“Committee notes the significant benefits in areas such as West Lothian and Stenhousemuir in reducing alcohol fuelled anti social behaviour by restricting off sales for those under 21 and 25 respectively.

Committee also notes the outcome of the results of the consultation exercise undertaken by Michael Matheson MSP where 82% of those consulted from across the district want to see the age at which you can purchase alcohol from off sales raised from 18 to 21.

Officers are therefore instructed to open up a dialog with the licensing authority on how a scheme to limit off sales in Falkirk District could be implemented and report back to the next Community Health and Safety Committee meeting”.

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 (15) – Provost Reid; Depute Provost Black; Councillors Blackwood, Buchanan, Goldie, Lemetti, C MacDonald, Mahoney, C Martin, CR Martin, McLuckie, McNeill, Nicol, Patrick and Waddell.

For the Amendment (14) – Councillors Alexander, Carleschi, Coleman, H Constable, J Constable, Hughes, Jackson, Kenna, A MacDonald, McNally, Meiklejohn, Oliver, Spears and Thomson.

Accordingly, **AGREED** that in addition to noting the contents of the Report submitted to the Community Health and Safety Committee at its meeting on 19 August 2008, a further report be submitted to a future meeting of the Community Health and Safety Committee outlining achievements and progress made in dealing with opportunities and challenges which resulted from the developing local and national strategies for tackling alcohol, drugs and tobacco.