

FC10. REFERRALS FROM EDUCATION AND LEISURE COMMITTEE – 25 MARCH 2008 – EARLY YEARS DEVELOPMENT

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 8 April 2008, and (b) Report by the Director of Education Services submitted to the meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee held on 8 April 2008.

Councillor Waddell, seconded by Councillor C Martin moved that Council:-

- (1) note the proposals as set out in Section 5 of the report, and
- (2) agree that further consultation take place in terms of the appropriate Regulations in respect of the proposals for all Nursery School provision detailed in the report.

By way of an amendment, Councillor Coleman, seconded by Councillor Thomson moved that: Council agrees there has not been proper consultation on all issues pertaining to the Administration's nursery school closure programme and agrees to halt this meantime until the following additional consultation has been carried out:-

- (1) At least 2 public meetings within the affected nursery schools. One during the day to suit young parents and one in the evening.
- (2) These public meetings to be widely advertised and invitations issued to all local community groups and local members.
- (3) The meetings to be attended by the Convener of the Education and Leisure Committee.
- (4) Proposals for the longer term use of the buildings vacated by the nurseries to be intimated to the community and form part of the consultation exercise.

In terms of Standing Order 21.4(i), a vote was taken by roll call, there being 32 Members present, with Members voting as undernoted:-

For the Motion (18) – Provost Reid; Depute Provost A Black; Councillors Blackwood, Buchanan, Fry, Goldie, Gow, Lemetti, C MacDonald, Mahoney, C Martin, C R Martin, McLuckie, McNeill, Nicol, Nimmo, Patrick and Waddell.

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

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