

## FC76. NOTICES OF MOTION

### (a) Bus Services

Councillor Hughes, seconded by Councillor McNally, moved that:-

Now that the precedent has been set in setting aside the criteria for sustainability of subsidised bus services brought in by the then Labour Administration in 1997, Council agrees to instruct Officers to bring forward a report listing all of the services cut in the subsequent eleven years.

This report should also give an explanation as to the reasons why these services were discontinued.

As the 1997 policy is no longer the sole criteria for the retention/re-introduction of previously discontinued bus service this would allow all communities equality of representation and treatment.

By way of an Amendment, Councillor Gow, seconded by Councillor C MacDonald moved that Council notes that the policy that officers are currently working to regarding the procurement of bus services was approved in 2006. Furthermore, Falkirk Council notes with disappointment the decision of the Scottish Government to cut the budget for the national concessionary fares scheme. Council also notes with disappointment the decision of the Scottish Government not to increase the level of fuel duty rebate of buses in Scotland in line with the recent rise in fuel duty. This Council therefore calls upon the Scottish Government to fund the £7.5m deficit in fuel duty compensation, in line with the rest of the UK, to protect local bus services in rural areas.

Following a short adjournment to consider the terms of the Amendment, Provost Reid ruled that it was not competent on the basis on the additional information provided regarding the fuel duty rebate.

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