

## **FC15. POST OFFICE LTD NETWORK CHANGE PROGRAMME**

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 Chief Executive submitted to the meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee held on 8 April 2008.

Councillor Gow, seconded by Councillor C Martin moved the recommendations contained within the Report.

By way of an amendment, Councillor Alexander, seconded by Councillor McNally moved the following amendment:-

That Council undertakes to write to both local New Labour MPs to express our anger at their betrayal of the people of Falkirk District for failing to support the motion calling for a halt to Post Office closures in the vote within the House of Commons on 19 March 2008. Council also notes previous unqualified support given to the Government's closure programme by both MPs.

In terms of Standing Order 21.4(1) a vote was taken by way of a roll call there being 31 Members present, with Members voting as undernoted:-

For the Motion (15) – Provost Reid, Depute Provost Black; Councillors Blackwood, Buchanan, Fry, Goldie, Gow, Lemetti, Mahoney, C Martin, C R Martin, McLuckie, McNeill, Nimmo 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.

Abstention (2) – Councillors Nicol and Patrick.

Accordingly **AGREED** to:-

- (1) note the approach taken by Essex County Council; and
- (2) that a further Report will be presented to Members on the issue with a note of the proposed response to be made to the Public Petitions Committee.