

## **FC92. MOTION**

### **Reduction of School Hours**

Councillor Nimmo, seconded by Councillor C Martin, moved that:-

Having both listened to the views expressed by parents and considered the financial sanctions that the Scottish Government have intimated that they would apply to those Councils that fail to meet their commitment to maintain teacher numbers in 2015/16 I am moving that:-

- (1) the decision taken by Council at the budget meeting on 11 February 2015 with regard to the provisional 2016/17 Revenue Budget to “review of options to reduce Primary School teaching hours from 25 to 22.5 hours per week”, is removed, and
- (2) Officers are asked to look at all possible alternative budget savings options and prepare a report to be brought to a future Council meeting.

As an amendment, Councillor Meiklejohn, seconded by Councillor Jackson, moved that Council:-

- (1) welcomes the additional funding for education from the Scottish Government and the investment in our children’s education.
- (2) congratulates parents on their representations on the proposed changes in the education budget in making their views known particularly on the reduction in school hours.
- (3) agrees that decision taken by Council at the budget meeting on 11th February 2015 with regard to the provisional 2016/17 Revenue budget to “review of options to reduce Primary School teaching hours” be removed.
- (1) asks officers to look at all possible alternative budget savings including proposals put forward as part of the SNP alternative budget, which was previously rejected, and prepare a report to be brought to a future Council meeting.

In terms of Standing Order 22.4(i) a vote was taken by roll call, there being 29 members present with voting as undernoted:

For the motion (15) - Provost Reid; Depute Provost Patrick; Baillies Buchanan and Paterson; Councillors Black, Blackwood, D Goldie, G Goldie, MacDonald, Mahoney, C Martin, Dr C R Martin, Murray, Nicol and Nimmo.

For the amendment (14) - Councillors Alexander, Balfour, Bird, Carleschi, Chalmers, Coleman, Hughes, Jackson, McCabe, McNally, Meiklejohn, Ritchie, Spears and Turner.

### **Decision**

#### **Council agreed the motion.**

Councillor Gow left the meeting during consideration of the previous item.