

RECORD OF VOTES TAKEN AT THE SPECIAL MEETING OF FALKIRK COUNCIL ON 18 SEPTEMBER 2015

Councillors in attendance:

David Alexander	Tom Coleman	Adrian Mahoney	John Patrick
David Balfour	Paul Garner	Craig Martin	Pat Reid
Stephen Bird	Gerry Goldie	Dr Craig R Martin	Robert Spears
Allyson Black	Linda Gow	Cecil Meiklejohn	
Jim Blackwood	Gordon Hughes	Rosie Murray	
William Buchanan	Charles MacDonald	Alan Nimmo	
Steven Carleschi	Brian McCabe	Martin Oliver	
Colin Chalmers	John McLuckie	Joan Paterson	

Councillors not in attendance:- Dennis Goldie, Steven Jackson, Malcolm Nicol, Ann Ritchie and Sandy Turner

Agenda Item: 3	Subject: BEST VALUE AUDIT
<p>MOTION</p> <p>Council agreed:</p> <p>(1) that officers will bring forward an outline action plan with a timeline for implementation by March 2016 to the Statutory meeting to be held as part of the Full Council agenda on 7th October;</p> <p>(2) that consideration of incorporation of the following changes would further enable the Council in taking this process forward.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the reform of the full Council meeting to provide for proper access to be given to back bench and opposition Councillors. This would include provision for notices of motion and/or dedicated opposition time; 2. the reform of the Executive, cutting the number of members to three portfolio holders, Leader and Deputy Leader of the Administration and three opposition members; 3. the slimmed down Executive should be the main policy development forum of the Council with regular meetings designed as development stages operating under suspension of standing orders; 4. the reduction of portfolio holders to three to match the number of service departments not only sets an example, but is consistent with changes which have already been implemented and others which are planned within the workplace; 5. Opposition groups to have the freedom to nominate whoever they wish from within their own ranks to committees; 6. the opposition will hold one of the places on the Health and Social Care Integrated Joint Board; 7. Audit Scotland clearly stated that the Performance Panel must be held in public. In order to meet this condition the agenda will be merged with the main Scrutiny with adjustments between Scrutiny 1 and Scrutiny 2; 8. a full review of Standing Orders is carried out, in order to incorporate the principles of fairness and openness and to encourage complete accountability; 9. the Business Transformation Project needs the benefit of political influence and drive. It is therefore essential to incorporate cross party representation on the Project Board; 10. reflecting on the Accounts Commission report and the need for elected members of all political colours to be more informed and engaged within the budget planning process makes it an essential requirement to set up a cross party budget working group; 	

- (3) that all of the above is considered as part of the process of improvement required following publication of the Accounts Commission Report; and
- (4) that the Leader of the Council, the Leader of the Opposition, a representative of the Non Aligned Independent Group and the Provost work together with the Chief Executive to bring forward action plans to the meeting of Council on 7 October 2015.

Moved by: C Meiklejohn

Seconded by: S Bird

AMENDMENT

The amendment was the motion subject to deletion of the involvement of the representative of the Non-Aligned Independent Group referred to at clause (4).

Moved by: A Nimmo

Seconded by: C R Martin

VOTE

For the motion (12)

D Alexander	P Garner
D Balfour	G Hughes
S Bird	B McCabe
S Carleschi	C Meiklejohn
C Chalmers	M Oliver
T Coleman	R Spears

For the amendment (15)

A Black	Dr CR Martin
J Blackwood	J McLuckie
W Buchanan	R Murray
G Goldie	A Nimmo
L Gow	J Patrick
C MacDonald	J Paterson
A Mahoney	P Reid
C Martin	

DECISION: Amendment carried

Note

This voting record is subject to approval of the formal minute at the next meeting of Council on 7 October 2015.