

RECORD OF VOTES TAKEN AT THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE ON FRIDAY 5 FEBRUARY 2016

Councillors in attendance:

David Alexander	Dennis Goldie	Alan Nimmo	Robert Spears
Jim Blackwood	Linda Gow	Craig Martin	
Gerry Goldie	Adrian Mahoney	Craig R Martin	

Councillors not in attendance – Tom Coleman and Malcolm Nicol

Agenda Item: 3	Subject:	LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL SETTLEMENT 2016/17 – UPDATE POSITION
<p>MOTION</p> <p>“Subject to advice being received ahead of the deadline on the availability of grounds to judicially review it (in which case another meeting of the Executive will be called), Council reluctantly accepts the terms of the settlement letter from the Cabinet Secretary dated 27 January 2016 but, in doing so, agrees that the following points must be made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The current financial circumstances facing local government are particularly challenging and any measures which restrict how council’s raise and spend their funding are not helpful at this time • The continued freeze in the council tax reduces local accountability and constrains severely the ability of Council’s to take financial decisions for their own communities • The focus on pupil/teacher numbers at a national level takes no account to local circumstances and again reduces the ability of local members to take local decisions • Whilst sharing the Cabinet Secretary’s desire to see the living wage paid across the care sector the Council recognises, as set out in the Scottish Government’s own statutory guidance that “contracting authorities are unable to make payment of the Living Wage a mandatory requirement as part of a competitive procurement process”. While Council will continue to pursue fair working practices in all its contracts, consistent with the law, the ability to “ensure” payment of the living wage and to force our private and voluntary partners to pay it and to meet their share of the costs involved remains constrained. <p>Moved by: C Martin Seconded by: CR Martin</p>		
<p>AMENDMENT</p> <p><i>Council agrees to accept the Scottish Governments offer of funding for 2016/17 as the best possible settlement given the significant cuts in their budget from Westminster’s austerity agenda.</i></p> <p>Moved by: D Alexander Seconded by: R Spears</p>		

VOTE

For the motion (8)

Jim Blackwood	Adrian Mahoney
Gerry Goldie	Alan Nimmo
Dennis Goldie	Craig Martin
Linda Gow	Craig R Martin

For the amendment (2)

David Alexander	Robert Spears
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Decision: Motion carried.

Notes

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