

FALKIRK COUNCIL

EXTRACT OF MINUTE of MEETING of the POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE held in the MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, FALKIRK on TUESDAY 8 APRIL 2008 at 10.30 a.m.

PR3. POST OFFICE LTD NETWORK CHANGE PROGRAMME

With reference to Minute of Special Meeting of Falkirk Council held on 17 March 2008 (Paragraph FC77 refers), there was submitted Report (circulated) dated 19 March 2008 by the Chief Executive providing an update on developments being taken forward by Essex County Council with regard to retention of post offices and proposing a way forward with regards to post offices in the Falkirk Council area.

Councillor Gow, seconded by Councillor Nimmo, moved that Committee **AGREES:-**

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

By way of an Amendment, Councillor Alexander, seconded by Councillor Kenna moved that Committee 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. Committee also notes previous unqualified support given to the government's closure programme by both MPs.

On a division, 4 Members voted for the Motion and 4 voted for the Amendment.

There being an equality of votes, and in terms of Standing Order 21.6, the Convener used her casting vote in favour of the Motion.

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