

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.**

**PR4. PROCUREMENT – SCOTLAND EXCEL**

There was submitted Report (circulated) dated 28 February 2008 by the Director of Corporate and Commercial Services providing an update on progress with the establishment of the Local Authority Centre of Expertise as part of the Review of Public Procurement in Scotland to enable Members to take a view on participation in the Scotland Excel Scheme.

Councillor Gow, seconded by Councillor Nimmo, moved that Council acknowledges the key role that Scotland Excel will play in the development and improvement of Local Authority Procurement and the future financial benefits that will be realised.

However, recognising the procurement work that the Council has undertaken both collaboratively and singularly, the Council will not realise immediate financial benefits from participation in Scotland Excel.

It is therefore proposed that the Council does not commit to joining in year 1, but indicates its support for the principles and ethos of Scotland Excel. The Council shall however regularly appraise the business case for participation and determine the most appropriate time to participate.

By way of an Amendment, Councillor Alexander, seconded by Councillor Kenna, moved that Committee notes the successes of Falkirk Council's existing procurement policies, particularly the dramatic increase in contracts awarded to local providers and companies during the period from 2001.

Committee therefore resolves not to join Scotland Excel.

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.