

**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.**

**PR9. REFERRALS FROM EDUCATION AND LEISURE COMMITTEE – 25 MARCH 2008**

With reference to Minute of Meeting of the Education and Leisure Committee held on 25 March 2008 (Paragraphs EL74, EL75, EL77, EL78 and EL76 respectively refer), there was submitted Report (circulated) dated 31 March 2008 by the Director of Education listing the Reports considered by the Education and Leisure Committee at its meeting on 25 March 2008, namely:-

- Update Report on Reduction of Class Sizes
- Improvement of the Achievement and Attainment of Looked After Children
- Cultural Co-ordinators
- Breakfast Clubs
- Early Years Development

The Reports considered by the Education and Leisure Committee on 25 March 2008 were appended for Members' information.

Councillor Gow, seconded by Councillor Nimmo, moved the recommendations as agreed by the Education and Leisure Committee.

**Cultural Co-ordinators**

By way of an Amendment in relation to the Report on Cultural Co-ordinators, Councillor Alexander, seconded by Councillor Kenna, moved that Committee agrees to retain both cultural co-ordinators in place on a full time basis throughout the financial year 2008/09. Committee also agrees to review the funding throughout the year with a view to retaining both staff members in the longer term and calls on further Reports back to Committee on progress to this effect.

On a division, 4 Members votes 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, namely:-

- (1) to note the valuable work of this small team and the impact on the experiences and opportunities for the young people in our schools and establishments in Falkirk; and
- (2) to approve the establishment of one permanent cultural co-ordinator post and one part-time temporary post.