

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.**

**PR6. NATIONAL AND REGIONAL FACILITIES STRATEGY**

There was submitted Report (circulated) dated 20 March 2008 by the Director of Community Services (a) seeking approval not to proceed with the development of the Indoor Football Academy, which received in principle funding support of £3,000,000 from **sportscotland** in August 2004, and (b) recommending that officers develop proposals for a network of third generation synthetic football pitches and upgrades to existing grass pitches across the area.

Councillor Gow, seconded by Councillor Nimmo, moved that Members agree not to proceed with the Indoor Football Academy and request Officers to continue engagement with the SFA, **sportscotland** and local clubs with a view to developing a plan for a network of third generation synthetic pitches and upgraded grass pitches across the area together with detailed budget considerations and to report to the Education and Leisure Committee in due course.

By way of an Amendment, Councillor Alexander, seconded by Councillor Kenna moved that Committee agree to call for a meeting with all parties involved in the formulation of this project, namely, the SFA, **sportscotland**, the Scottish Government and a cross party group of Councillors to discuss the issues pertaining to this development contained within the Report and that officers prepare a further Report based on the outcomes of that meeting.

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.