

FALKIRK COUNCIL

MINUTE of MEETING of the POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE held in the MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, FALKIRK on TUESDAY 3 JUNE 2008 at 10.30 a.m.

PRESENT:- Provost Reid; Depute Provost Black; Councillors Alexander, Gow, Jackson, Kenna, Nimmo and Spears.

CONVENER:- Councillor Gow.

ATTENDING:- Chief Executive; Directors of Community Services, of Corporate and Commercial Services, of Development Services, of Education Services, of Finance and of Housing and Social Work Services; Acting Director of Law and Administration Services; Head of Policy Performance and Review, Legal Services Manager (C Moodie); Corporate Policy Officer (A Hamilton) and Senior Committee Services Officer.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST: In connection with item PR37, Depute Provost Black advised that she was a Board member of the Order of Malta Dial-a-Journey and that a family member was also a user of the service but that, in her view, neither involvement prevented her from taking part in consideration of the item.

PR35. REFERRALS FROM COMMUNITY HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE – 13 MAY 2008

With reference to Minute of Meeting of the Community Health and Safety Committee held on 13 May 2008 (Paragraphs CH6, CH7 and CH8 respectively refer), there was submitted Report (circulated) dated 28 May 2008 by the Director of Development Services listing the Reports considered by the Community Health and Safety Committee at its meeting on 13 May 2008, namely:-

- Road Safety
- Trading Standards Enforcement Policy
- Falkirk Cruise Partnership and Associated Falkirk Town Centre Issues - Update

The Reports considered by the Community Health and Safety Committee on 13 May 2008 were appended for Members' information.

Councillor Gow, seconded by Councillor Nimmo moved the recommendations as agreed by the Community Health and Safety Committee.

Falkirk Cruise Partnership and Associated Falkirk Town Centre Issues – Update

By way of an Amendment, Councillor Alexander, seconded by Councillor Kenna, moved that Committee agree to:-

“call on Falkirk Council to support the extensive work being carried out by Michael Matheson MSP and write to the local MP's asking that they call for a change in legislation banning the use of wide bore exhausts”

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, namely:-

NOTED the contents of the Report and the intention to submit regular update reports to the Community Health and Safety Committee, as appropriate.

AGREED to call on the Convener to write to the Scottish Transport Minister asking him to contact the UK Transport Minister asking for a review of the use of wide bore exhausts and refer to Policy and Resources Committee.