

EXTRACT OF MINUTE of MEETING of the POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE held in the MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, FALKIRK on TUESDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 2008 at 10.30 a.m.

PR59. REFERRALS FROM EDUCATION AND LEISURE COMMITTEE – 26 AUGUST 2008

With reference to Minute of Meeting of the Education and Leisure Committee held on 26 August 2008 (Paragraph EL19 and EL20 refer), there was submitted Report (circulated) dated 2 September 2008 by the Director of Education Services listing those Reports considered by the Education and Leisure Committee at its meeting on 26 August 2008 and referred to Committee, namely:-

- Report back on the Consultation Regarding the Proposed Rezoning of RC Primary School Catchments to Accommodate the New School in Stenhousemuir
- Response to Scottish Government Consultation – “Safeguarding Our Rural Schools and Improving School Consultation Procedures – Proposal for Changes to Legislation”
- (b) Response to Scottish Government Consultation – “Safeguarding Our Rural Schools and Improving School Consultation Procedures – Proposal for Changes to Legislation”

Councillor Gow, seconded by Depute Provost Black, moved the recommendations in the Report.

By way of an Amendment, Councillor Alexander, seconded by Councillor Kenna, moved the recommendations in the Report and that the following is included in the Council's response:-

- (1) that Committee believes that shared head teachers in rural schools represent the thin end of the wedge and calls on the Scottish Government to bring forward additional protections for rural schools where local authorities have gone down this route.

On a division, 3 Members voted for the Motion and 4 Members for the Amendment.

Accordingly, **RESOLVED** in terms of the Amendment, namely:-

- (1) agree the response as outlined in paragraph 2.1 and detailed in Appendix 2 of the Report and to include the following paragraph in the Council's response:

“Council believes that shared head teachers in rural schools represent the thin end of the wedge and calls on the Scottish Government to bring forward additional protections for rural schools where local authorities have gone down this route.”