

FALKIRK COUNCIL

EXTRACT OF MINUTE of MEETING of the POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE held in the MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, FALKIRK on TUESDAY 18 NOVEMBER 2008 at 10.30 a.m.

PR72. FINANCIAL POSITION 2008/09

There was submitted Report (circulated) dated 30 October 2008 by the Director of Finance providing the latest update on the financial position for 2008/09 which reflected the information recorded for the six month period to 30 September 2008.

Councillor Gow, seconded by Councillor Fry moved the recommendations contained in the Report.

By way of an amendment, Councillor Alexander, seconded by Councillor Kenna, moved that "Committee notes with concern proposals to place well established services for some of our most vulnerable citizens out to tender for the first time.

Committee believes that the continuity of service delivery to vulnerable people within the community is more important than financial cuts and therefore agrees to the following:-

- (a) stop the tendering process for the provision of support to adults with learning difficulties;
- (b) report to Committee for approval or otherwise of any future changes to the manner in which these services are procured;
- (c) call on the Director of Social Work Services to bring forward a full and detailed Report on how she intends to deal with budgetary pressures."

The Committee adjourned for 15 minutes and reconvened with all Members present as per the sederunt.

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

NOTED the projected financial position as at 30 September 2008.

AGREED to instruct Directors to incur only expenditure which is essential in order to bring expenditure into line with the approved budget.