

FALKIRK COUNCIL

Subject : REFERRALS FROM SPECIAL HOUSING AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE – 9 DECEMBER 2008
Meeting : FALKIRK COUNCIL
Date : 10 DECEMBER 2008
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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1

A Special meeting of the Housing and Social Services Committee took place on 9 December 2008 and after discussion agreed to refer the following reports to the Falkirk Council for approval. Motions and amendments are noted where appropriate.

• **HOUSING ALLOCATIONS REVIEW UPDATE**

Councillor Goldie, seconded by Councillor McNeill moved the recommendations as contained within the Report.

By way of an amendment, Councillor McNally, seconded by Councillor Meiklejohn moved that in place of recommendation 7.5 of the Report the following should be substituted:

“Refer the report to a special meeting of Falkirk Council in the near future for further consideration”.

On a division, 7 Members voted for the Motion and 4 for the Amendment.

Accordingly,

NOTED:-

- (1) the outcome of the consultation with stakeholders set out in Section 3 of the Report; and
- (2) the proposals to minimise any impact on the promotion of race, disability, age and gender equalities set out in Section 5 of the Report.

AGREED:-

- (1) the proposal to bring further reports to Members setting out a timetable for transition to the new policy subject to the implementation of an IHMS as discussed in Section 6.1 for the Report;
- (2) the allocations policy set out in Appendix 1 to the Report; and
- (3) to refer the report to Falkirk Council for approval.

- **HOMELESSNESS STRATEGY 2008-2013**

The Convener, seconded by the Depute Convener moved the recommendations contained within the Report with a further additional recommendation, namely:-

- 7.4 Requests that the Director of Corporate and Neighbourhood Services withdraws 15 tenancies from each area office from the mainstream letting pool for use as temporary homeless accommodation and reviews the position in April 2009.

NOTED:-

- (1) that a Best Value Service Review of homelessness services will be carried out in 2009-2010; and
- (2) that the Homelessness Strategy 2008-2013 will be formally launched in Spring 2009.

AGREED:-

- (1) to approve the revised Homelessness Strategy 2008-2013 incorporating the changes to the Visions, Goals and Outcomes set out in Section 3 of the Report and in Appendices 2 and 3 and refer the Strategy to Council: and
- (2) to request that the Director of Corporate and Neighbourhood Services withdraws 15 tenancies from each area office from the mainstream letting pool for use as temporary homeless accommodation and reviews the position in April 2009.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 Members are asked to approve the recommendations already endorsed at the Special meeting of the Housing and Social Services Committee.**

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Director of Corporate and Neighbourhood Services

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