

FALKIRK COUNCIL

EXTRACT OF MINUTE of MEETING of the POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE held in the MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, FALKIRK on TUESDAY 13 JANUARY 2009 at 10.30 a.m.

PR90. PROVISION OF CARE AT HOME AND HOUSING SUPPORT SERVICE AS PART OF A FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT (C/N:SW/024/09)

With reference to Minute of Meeting of the Housing and Social Services Committee held on 2 September 2008 (Paragraph HSS42 refers), there was submitted Report (circulated) dated 23 December 2008 by the Director of Social Work Services (a) referring to the formal tendering process for the Care at Home and Housing Support Services Contract, and (b) attaching as Appendix 1, a list of tenders selected for the provision of care at home and housing support services as part of a Framework Agreement.

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:-

- (1) Committee notes the real cuts in services being delivered to some of the most vulnerable within our communities and believes these are unacceptable in a civilised society; and
- (2) Committee therefore rejects the report until there has been a proper assessment carried out into the levels of service actually being delivered within these service areas. In the meantime the status quo both in terms of service level agreements and budgetary amounts remains in place.

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.

AGREED:-

- (1) to approve acceptance of the tenders submitted as detailed in Appendix 1 of the Report with an estimated annual spend of approximately £7,500,000 in respect of a Framework Agreement for the Provision of Care at Home and Housing Support Service to Falkirk Council from 6 April 2009 to 31 March 2011; and
- (2) that a further Report be submitted to the Housing and Social Services Committee in November 2009 to provide information on the first six months of activity under the Framework Agreement.

