

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.

PR86. REVIEW OF BUSINESS AND SUPPORT DELIVERY STRUCTURES

With reference to Minute of Meeting of the Economic Development Committee held on 17 June 2008 which considered a Report on the local organisations providing business support and the options available to modernise those local business support delivery structures (Paragraph ED9 refers), there was submitted Report (circulated) by the Director of Community Services proposing a revised business support delivery model.

Councillor Gow, seconded by Councillor Fry moved the recommendations contained in the report, namely to:-

- (1) approve the creation of a single business support organisation through the “merging” of FEAT and FDBP and the transferring of property back to the Council;
- (2) authorise the Director of Community Services to progress the establishment of the new model, on suitable terms, in consultation with the Directors of Law & Administration, of Finance and of Development Services and the boards of FEAT and FDBP; and
- (3) refer the overseeing of the establishment, future operations and performance of the new business support arrangements to the Economic Development Committee.

By way of an amendment, Councillor Alexander, seconded by Councillor Kenna moved that Committee:-

- (1) approves the creation of a single business support organisation through the “merging” of FEAT and FDBP and the transferring of property back to the Council;
- (2) authorises the Director of Community Services to progress the establishment of the new model on suitable terms including 2 elected members, one of which must be a member of the opposition, and 2 officers of Falkirk Council, with the Directors of Law & Administration, Finance and Development Services and the boards of FEAT and FDBP;
- (3) refers the overseeing of the establishment, future operations and performance of the new business support arrangements to the Economic Development Committee; and

- (4) notes the small minimal investment made by Falkirk Council in business support areas and calls for a report back to the Economic Development Committee on how this can be supplemented.

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.