

FALKIRK COUNCIL

**EXTRACT OF MINUTE of MEETING of the POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE held in the MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, FALKIRK on TUESDAY 11 AUGUST 2009 at 10.30 a.m.**

**PR36. FINANCIAL POSITION 2009/10**

There was submitted Report (circulated) dated 27 July 2009 by the Director of Finance presenting the latest update on the Council's financial position for 2009/10 and forecasting a budget overspend of £2.860m as at 31 March 2010.

Councillor Alexander, seconded by Councillor Kenna, moved the recommendations in the report augmented by the following:-

“Committee notes with concern the continued failure of the Administration to properly manage the budget of Social Services in a manner that allows the Council to balance its commitments to each of our Services.

Committee therefore agrees to call a minimum of one additional meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee in each of the cycles of meetings between now and the budget meeting in February.

The only item on the agenda will be the financial management and organisation of the Social Work Department.

The purpose of these additional meetings is to properly hold officers and Members to account for the continued budget overspend within Social Services and seek solutions to this continued problem.

Committee will review all aspects of management and have the power to call both officers and Members before it before reporting back to full Council.”

By way of an Amendment, Councillor Gow, seconded by Councillor Fry, moved the recommendations contained in the Report.

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

Accordingly, **AGREED** to:-

- (1) note the first projection of the amount of expenditure which is likely to be incurred in 2009/10; and
- (2) instruct Directors to take appropriate action to bring spending into line with the approved budget.