

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.

PR50. MCTAGGART AVENUE, DENNY

With reference to the Minute of the Meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee held on 5 April 2005 (para PR12 refers) there was submitted a Report (circulated) dated 24 July 2009 by the Director of Corporate and Neighbourhood Services (a) providing an update on the proposed development by Horizon Housing Association of ten new social rented housing units at McTaggart Avenue, Denny; (b) advising that a project shortfall of £150,000 had been identified by Horizon following a financial appraisal of the project; and (c) proposing that the Council makes a funding contribution of £150,000 towards the project to ensure its approval by the Scottish Government's Housing and Regeneration directorate.

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

By way of Amendment, Councillor Alexander, seconded by Councillor Kenna, moved that

“Committee does not support this particular partnership with Horizon Housing Association. Instead Committee agrees to:-

- (1) purchase the site from Horizon Housing Association for the original purchase price of £150,000;
- (2) engage with the surrounding community to agree a suitable end use for the site; and
- (3) report back to Committee on the outcome of the consultation.”

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 Motion.

Accordingly, **AGREED** to contribute £150,000 towards the overall project costs in order to ensure the development of ten new social rented houses by Horizon Housing Association.