

**AGENDA ITEM 10 (ii)**

**FALKIRK COUNCIL**

**EXTRACT OF MINUTE of MEETING of the ENVIRONMENT AND COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE held in the MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, FALKIRK on TUESDAY 18 AUGUST 2009 at 9.30 am.**

**ECS21. NEW MANDATORY LICENSING SCHEME FOR KNIFE DEALERS**

With reference to Minute of Meeting of the Community Health and Safety Committee held on 28 October 2008 (Paragraph CH26 refers), there was submitted Report (circulated) dated 24 July 2009 by the Director of Development Services (a) advising of the introduction of a new mandatory licensing regime for knife dealers within Scotland; (b) attaching, as an appendix to the Report, mandatory and proposed local conditions to be attached to licences issued under the regime; (c) proposing that the duration of the licence be for a period of three years, and (d) recommending that a fee of £200 be initially set for applications.

Discussion took place on the following:-

- The potential for the introductory of the legislation to reduce knife crime
- The licensing of knife dealers who operate as internet companies

Councillor C MacDonald, seconded by Councillor CR Martin moved the recommendations contained within the Report, namely:-

**NOTED** the introduction of a licensing regime for in respect of specified knife dealers as of 1 June 2010.

**AGREED** to recommend to the Policy and Resources Committee:-

- (1) that the duration of the licence be for a period of three years;
- (2) that the fee for each of the relevant applications be set initially at £200, and
- (3) to note the mandatory conditions and approve the suggested local conditions as contained within Appendix 1 to the Report.

The meeting adjourned for a 10 minute recess to allow Members time to consider a proposed amendment put forward by Councillor Goldie as an addition to the motion, namely:-

“to authorise the Convener to write to the Justice Secretary urging the Scottish Government to introduce mandatory custodial sentencing for persons found carrying knives and committing knife crime”

The meeting reconvened at 12.05pm with all Members present as per the sederunt.

Following discussion, when it was advised that Councillor Goldie agreed to withdraw his proposed amendment, Councillor MacDonald with the consent of Councillor CR Martin, as seconder, altered the text of the motion with the replacement of “recommend to the Policy and Resources Committee” to “recommend to Falkirk Council.”

**NOTED** the introduction of a licensing regime for in respect of specified knife dealers as of 1 June 2010.

**AGREED** to recommend to Falkirk Council:-

- (4) that the duration of the licence be for a period of three years;
- (5) that the fee for each of the relevant applications be set initially at £200, and
- (6) to note the mandatory conditions and approve the suggested local conditions as contained within Appendix 1 to the Report.