

**FALKIRK COUNCIL**

**EXTRACT of MINUTE of MEETING of the POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE held in the MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, FALKIRK on TUESDAY 20 OCTOBER 2009 at 10.30 a.m.**

**PR64. FINANCIAL POSITION 2009/10**

There was submitted Report (circulated) dated 1 October 2009 by the Director of Finance presenting the latest update on the Council's financial position and detailing information recorded for the 5 months to 31 August 2009.

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

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

“Committee notes the continued failure of the Administration to accept the principle of corporate responsibility for the continued budget deficits.

This is best highlighted by the statement of the Convener of Housing and Social Care who admitted he was “left to get on with it” at the recent meeting of the full Council.

Committee therefore re-affirms the previously established requirement for the current Administration to embrace the principles of corporate responsibility and corporate management.

To achieve this committee agrees to the establishment of an all party working group made up of the leaders and deputies of the Labour and SNP groups, the leader of the Conservative Group, one aligned and one non Aligned Independent.

The purpose of the Working Group would be to undertake a full scrutiny of the areas of budgetary pressure including detailed scrutiny of the actions being taken to deal with these pressures and the impact this is having on front line services.

The Working Group will meet as often as a minimum of three members of the group feel appropriate and report back to the council with any recommendations the majority of the group feel appropriate with provision provided for the production of minority reports.”

On a division, 4 Members voted for the Motion and 3 voted for the Amendment.

Accordingly, **AGREED** to re-affirm that Directors should take appropriate action to bring spending into line with the approved budget.

**NOTED/...**

**NOTED** the:-

- (1) latest projection of the amount of expenditure which is likely to be incurred in 2009/10; and
- (2) details of the Draft Scottish Budget 2010/11 and its likely effect on the Council's finances as outlined in the Report.