

**FALKIRK COUNCIL**

**EXTRACT of MINUTE of MEETING of the POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE held in the MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, FALKIRK on TUESDAY 17 NOVEMBER 2009 at 10.30 a.m.**

**PR87. REFERRAL FROM HOUSING AND SOCIAL CARE COMMITTEE – 10 NOVEMBER 2009**

With reference to the Minute of Meeting of the Housing and Social Care Committee held on 10 November, there was submitted Joint Report (circulated dated 10 November 2009 by the Director of Corporate and Neighbourhood Services and Acting Director of Social Work Services detailing Reports considered by the said Committee and referred to the Policy and Resources Committee namely:-

- Kinship Care

Councillor Gow, seconded by Councillor Fry moved the recommendation for this item as detailed in the Report.

By way of an Amendment, Councillor Alexander, seconded by Councillor Kenna moved that recommendation 1 in the Report be substituted with the following:-

“endorse paragraph 6.7 of the Report and agree that the rate of Kinship Care allowance is set at £60, and that it is increased in the incremental levels until there is parity with foster care allowance demonstrating the Council’s commitment and ongoing support of cared for children.

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

**AGREED** the proposals as outlined in paragraphs 6.6 and 6.7 of the Report to provide financial support to kinship carers of looked after children.