

AGENDA ITEM 6 (i)

FALKIRK COUNCIL

EXTRACT OF MINUTE of MEETING of the POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE held in the MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, FALKIRK on TUESDAY 6 APRIL 2010 at 10.30 a.m.

PR5. REFERRALS FROM EDUCATION COMMITTEE – 23 MARCH 2010

With reference to Minute of Meeting of the Education Committee held on 23 March 2010 (Paragraphs E49 & E50 refers), there was submitted Report (circulated) dated 26 March 2010 by the Director of Education enclosing two Reports considered by said Committee with the recommendations of the said Committee being referred to the Policy and Resources Committee, for approval, namely:-

- Education Management Information System (MIS)
- Strategic Review of Secondary School Capacity: Options For Resolving Capacity Pressures at Larbert High School

Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Fry moved the recommendations as contained within the Report.

In respect of the Strategic Review of Secondary School Capacity: Options for Resolving Capacity Pressures at Larbert High, Councillor Alexander, seconded by Councillor Kenna, moved an amendment that recommendation 4.1 (iii) be augmented by the addition of the following:-

“only after agreement with parents, teachers and representative groups in both schools once a full consultation exercise has been conducted.”

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

There being an equality of votes and in terms of Standing Order 21.6 the Convener used his casting vote in favour of the Motion.

Accordingly, **AGREED:-**

- (i) in principle, to Falkirk Council becoming a partner in the Seemis LLP;
- (ii) that the Director of Education be given delegated authority to take all steps necessary for the council to become a partner in the Seemis LLP once further information/documentation is available, should this be best value for the council;
- (iii) that further use is made by Larbert High School of classrooms in Carrongrange School;
- (iv) that the proposal to rezone the Airth Primary School catchment area to Grangemouth High School should not proceed;

- (v) that council officers within the relevant disciplines, supplemented by external expertise as required, be instructed to carry out an initial feasibility study as outlined in the report, and
- (vi) that a report detailing the outcomes of the initial feasibility study be brought back to a future meeting of the Education Committee.