

AGENDA ITEM 7(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.

PR6. REFERRALS FROM HOUSING AND SOCIAL CARE COMMITTEE – 30 MARCH 2010

With reference to Minute of Meeting of the Housing and Social Care Committee held on 30 March 2010 (Paragraphs HSC67 & HSC68 refers), there was submitted Report (circulated) dated 30 March 2010 enclosing Reports considered by the said Committee with the recommendations being referred to the Policy and Resources Committee, for approval, namely:-

- Review of Emergency Repairs in Council Houses
- The Housing (Scotland) Act 2006 – Below Tolerable Standard Strategy and Housing Renewal Area Policy

In respect of the Review of Emergency Repairs in Council Houses, Councillor Alexander, seconded by Councillor Kenna moved the following in substitution of the recommendations:-

“As there is not enough evidence to be able to progress the Report to Policy and Resources Committee, that this item be continued to the next meeting of the Housing and Social Care Committee to allow more detailed evidence to support the recommendations to be made available.”

By way of an Amendment, Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Fry moved the recommendations as contained within the Report.

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

There being an equality of votes and in terms of Standing Order 21.6, the convener used his casting vote in terms of the Amendment.

Accordingly, **AGREED** the:-

- (i) introduction of a 3 working day category of repairs to replace the 5 working day category as detailed in Paragraph 8.1 of the Report;
- (ii) changes proposed for the provision of the emergency repairs service and qualifying repairs within the Right to Repair legislation as detailed in Paragraphs 8.2 and 8.3 of the Report;
- (iii) interim Below Tolerable Standard Strategy; and
- (iv) interim Housing Renewal Area Policy.