

FALKIRK COUNCIL

**EXTRACT OF MINUTE of MEETING of the POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE held in the MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, FALKIRK on TUESDAY 31 MAY 2011 at 9.30 a.m.**

**PR18. PROCUREMENT STRATEGY UPDATE**

There was submitted Report (circulated) dated 5 May 2011 by the Director of Corporate & Neighbourhood Services (a) reviewing the 2008-2011 Corporate Procurement Strategy; (b) presenting an update on the 2010 Procurement Capability Assessment (PCA); (c) enclosing as an appendix to the report, a copy of the draft 2011-2014 Corporate Procurement Strategy, and (d) outlining proposals for a review of the procurement structure to take forward the 2011-2014 Corporate Procurement Strategy.

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

By way of an amendment, Councillor Alexander, seconded by Councillor Kenna, moved the following as a substitute for the recommendations contained in the Report:-

Members are invited to:-

- (1) note that local procurement has dropped down the area of priority to the extent that it does not rate even a single mention in the Director's covering report;
- (2) agree that Falkirk Council has a responsibility to seek to stimulate the local economy and can do so with a greater emphasis on local procurement;
- (3) note the outcomes of the 2008-11 Procurement Strategy, the Procurement Capability Assessment results and the requirement to not only review existing procurement structures and resources, but also assess the impact on the local economy of centralisation of procurement policies; and
- (4) refer the 2011-14 Procurement Strategy back to the Best Value Forum to ensure that local procurement is given its proper place within the overall strategy.

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

Accordingly, **NOTED:-**

- (1) that local procurement has dropped down the area of priority to the extent that it does not rate even a single mention in the Director's covering report; and

- (2) the outcomes of the 2008-11 Procurement Strategy, the Procurement Capability Assessment results and the requirement to not only review existing procurement structures and resources, but also assess the impact on the local economy of centralisation of procurement policies.

**AGREED:-**

- (1) that Falkirk Council has a responsibility to seek to stimulate the local economy and can do so with a greater emphasis on local procurement; and
- (2) to refer the 2011-14 Procurement Strategy back to the Best Value Forum to ensure that local procurement is given its proper place within the overall strategy.