

**FALKIRK COUNCIL**

**MINUTE of MEETING of the SCRUTINY COMMITTEE held in the MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, FALKIRK on THURSDAY 13 FEBRUARY 2014 at 9.30 AM.**

**COUNCILLORS:** Allyson Black  
Charles MacDonald  
John McLuckie  
Baillie Joan Paterson

**OFFICERS:** Fiona Campbell, Head of Policy, Technology and Improvement  
Arlene Fraser, Committee Services Officer  
Colin Moodie, Depute Chief Governance Officer

**S43. CHAIR**

In the absence of the Convener, Baillie Paterson took the Chair.

**S44. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were intimated on behalf of Baillie Buchanan and Provost Reid.

**S45. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations were made.

**S46. MINUTES**

**Decision**

- (a) the minute of the meeting of the Scrutiny Committee held on 9 January 2014 was approved; and
- (b) the minute of the meeting of the Performance Panel held on 23 January 2014 was noted.

**S47. SCRUTINY PANEL - UPDATE**

The committee considered a report by the Chief Governance Officer providing an update on the review of elected members' representation on external organisations.

The appendix to the report set out the Council's current appointees on external organisations with committee making reference to additional external organisations with which elected members may also be associated.

Discussion took place on the process and background for appointing members to external organisations; the value of the appointment to both the organisation and Falkirk Council; the role of the elected member; the potential conflict which may arise, and the impact on elected members' workload.

The committee considered that in an attempt to rationalise the process for appointing members to external organisations, the Scrutiny Panel seek input from elected members on their experiences, their understanding of their role on these organisations, and whether there is any value to the Council and/or the organisation in having representation.

### **Decision**

**The Committee noted the progress to date in reviewing the Council's representation on external organisations.**