

EX105. FUNDING 'LEADER' - EUROPEAN PROGRAMME & COASTAL COMMUNITIES FUNDS

The Executive considered a report by the Director of Corporate and Neighbourhood Services proposing the strategic realignment of Falkirk Council from the Forth Valley and Lomond LEADER local action group to the Kelvin Valley LEADER local action group.

Falkirk Council is currently a member of the Forth Valley and Lomond LEADER action group as part of the national LEADER programme to utilise European funds to deliver community-led rural development projects. Details were given of the LEADER project and the Council's success in securing funding to date. Details of a recommendation to join the current Kelvin LEADER local action group were set out together with the anticipated benefits to the Council.

Decision

The Executive approved the involvement of Falkirk Council in a LEADER funding programme 2014-2020 in association with new partners drawn from the current Kelvin Valley local action group based on a strategic re-alignment more in keeping with the nature of the Falkirk Council area.