

FC78. FALKIRK COMMUNITY TRUST – BUSINESS PLAN

Council considered a report by the Chief Executive and the Chief Finance Officer (a) advising that the funding agreement between the Council and Falkirk Community Trust (FCT) required that the Trust submit annually a business plan for the following year for approval by the Council; (b) presenting the five year 2014/19 Business Plan and the 2014/15 Annual Action Plan; (c) highlighting guiding principles against which individual charges would be set by the Trust, and (d) summarising the proposed capital programme for 2014/15.

Councillor Mahoney, seconded by Baillie Paterson, moved that Council agrees:-

- (1) the Falkirk Community Trust Business Plan Strategy 2014-2019 and Annual Action Plan 2014-15;
- (2) a Service Payment of £13.161m to Falkirk Community Trust for 2014/15, and
- (3) the capital expenditure proposals for 2014/15 as outlined in paragraph 4.1 of the report.

By way of an amendment, Councillor McNally, seconded by Councillor Jackson, moved in substitution for the motion that Council agrees:-

- (1) “the Community Trust Business Plan Strategy 2014-19 and the Annual Action Plan 2014-15;
- (2) a service payment of £12,822,000 to Falkirk Community Trust for 2014/15;
- (3) that a price freeze for this year be implemented on all fees and charges; and
- (4) the capital expenditure proposals for 2014/15 as outlined at paragraph 4.1 of the report, and
- (5) to call for a best value review of the Trust to ensure it is meeting the terms of Council decision in 2011 to transfer the service outwith the local authority control”.

Council then adjourned at 10.15 am to allow members of the Administration to consider the terms of the proposed amendment and reconvened at 11.05 a.m. with members present as per the sederunt.

With the consent of the Provost, and Councillor Jackson as his seconder, Councillor McNally adjusted the terms of his amendment to the following:

“Council:-

- (1) notes the Community Trust Business Plan Strategy 2014-2019 and the Annual Action Plan 2014 -15;
- (2) agrees a service payment of £12,881,940 be made to Falkirk Community Trust for 2014/15;
- (3) agrees that a price freeze for this year be implemented on all fees and charges;

- (4) approves the capital expenditure proposals for 2014/15 as outlined at paragraph 4.1 of the report,
- (5) recognises under the terms of the contract that Falkirk Community Trust will require to come back with an amended business plan for consideration and
- (6) calls for a best value review of the Trust to ensure it is meeting the terms of the Council decision in 2011 to transfer the service outwith local authority control”.

In terms of Standing Order 22.4(i) a vote was taken by roll call, there being 31 members present with voting as undernoted.

For the motion (16) – Provost Reid; Depute Provost Patrick; Baillies Buchanan and Paterson; Councillors Black, Blackwood, G Goldie, Gow, MacDonald, McLuckie, Mahoney, Martin, Dr CR Martin, Murray, Nicol and Nimmo.

For the amendment (15) – Councillors Alexander, Balfour, Bird, Carleschi, Chalmers, Coleman, Hughes, Jackson, McCabe, McNally, Meiklejohn, Oliver, Ritchie, Spears and Turner.

Decision

Council agreed:-

- (1) the Falkirk Community Trust Business Plan Strategy 2014-2019 and Annual Action Plan 2014-15;
- (2) a Service Payment of £13.161m to Falkirk Community Trust for 2014/15, and
- (3) the capital expenditure proposals for 2014/15 as outlined in paragraph 4.1 of the report.

Council adjourned for lunch at 12.45 p.m. and reconvened at 1.30 p.m. with all members present as per the sederunt.