

## **EX29. TAX INCREMENTAL FINANCING (TIF) INITIATIVE**

The Executive considered a report by the Director of Development Services on the development of a business case for the proposed Tax Incremental Financing (TIF) initiative in Falkirk and on implementation of the project.

An outline business case for a TIF project in Falkirk had been submitted to the Scottish Government in 2011. A final business case had been developed in consultation with Ernst and Young and Rydens. The final Business Case was submitted to the Scottish Futures Trust (SFT) in March 2013 and the Scottish Government in April 2013. Approval had been confirmed, in-principle - subject to a number of amendments. Details were given of the policy, legal and financial implications of the project being approved and a timetable for the consequential infrastructure works had been established.

### **Decision**

**The Executive agreed:-**

- (1) to commit to the delivery of the Falkirk area TIF initiative on the basis of the adjusted proposals to the full business case outlined in the report,**
- (2) to authorise the Director of Development Services, in liaison with the Chief Governance Officer to enter into a formal legal agreement with the Scottish Government and SFT to deliver the TIF initiative,**
- (3) to note the actions taken as outlined in section 6 of this report for implementation of the initiative, and**
- (4) to note the expenditure of £70,000 incurred through Ernst & Young and Rydens in the production of the Full Business Case and supporting discussions/negotiations with SFT and Scottish Government as well as the requirement to utilise their specialist services over the first 3 years of the TIF project.**