

In accordance with his declaration of interest, Councillor McNally left the meeting prior to consideration of the following item of business and took no part in it.

At this stage, Councillor Nicol declared a financial interest in the following item of business as the spouse of an owner in business in Grangemouth and withdrew from the meeting, taking no part in the discussion and decision making.

FC95. TOWN CENTRE REGENERATION STRATEGY – UPDATE REPORT

In terms of the Council's Scheme of Delegation, this item had been called in to Council by Councillors Carleschi, Coleman and Oliver.

There was submitted (circulated) (a) extract of minute of meeting of the Economic Strategy and Development Committee held on 26 February 2013, and (b) report by the Director of Development Services (i) advising of the progress of the Council's regeneration activities in town centres; (ii) giving an update regarding the progress of work for each centre, taking place during a period of significant changes in market conditions, and (iii) suggesting the next steps for each centre.

Councillor D Goldie, seconded by Councillor Black, moved the recommendations as set out in the report.

By way of an amendment, Councillor Oliver moved that, in addition to the motion:-

Council instructs officers to restore the regeneration groups in Denny, Bo'ness, Grangemouth and Falkirk.

Provost Reid stated that, in terms of Standing Order 32, the proposed amendment was substantially the same as the further amendment considered as part of the decision taken at item FC64 on 5 December 2012 and in terms of the Standing Order, no item of business the same or substantially the same may be discussed within 6 months, unless two thirds of members present and voting, and an absolute majority of Council, agree otherwise.

Councillor Oliver, seconded by Councillor Chalmers, therefore moved that Council agrees, in accordance with Standing Order 32, to consider of the proposed amendment.

On a division 13 members voted for the motion and 16 voted against. The amendment consequently fell.

Accordingly, **NOTED**:

- (1) the progress of the Council's actions relating to town centre regeneration, and
- (2) the progress with the Stage 1 application to the Heritage Lottery Fund Townscape Heritage Initiative for Falkirk Town Centre and the recent award of £1.6m of CARS funding by Historic Scotland.

AGREED to receive further reports on town centre regeneration.