

**EX18. REFERRAL FROM THE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 13 MAY 2014 - REVIEW OF EXTERNAL FUNDING TO SERVICES FOR PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN AFFECTED BY ABUSE**

The Scrutiny Committee had, on 13 May 2014 (ref S13), referred recommendations arising from a review of external funding to services for people who have been affected by abuse to the Executive for consideration.

The Executive considered a report by the Directors of Corporate and Neighbourhood Services and of Social Work Services presenting the recommendations of the Scrutiny Committee.

The report set out the background to the review of the services provided by Women's Aid, Relationship Scotland, Central Scotland Rape Crisis and Open Secret. The range of services provided, purpose of each organisation, together with Falkirk Council's contribution to each organisation's funding were set out.

The aim of the review had been to ensure that the most appropriate range and quality of support is provided by the right providers to those most in need within the area.

Overall it was concluded that the Council should, through agreed joint working arrangements, commission specific services to ensure clarity in service provision and expected outcomes. The report set out conclusions in relation to future service delivery and budgeting provision for each organisation.

Councillor Gow, seconded by Councillor Martin, moved that, in light of information about which Council had only recently been made aware, consideration of the report should be deferred to the next meeting of the Executive.

**Decision**

**The Executive agreed the motion.**