

EX92. LEADER EUROPEAN FUNDING PROGRAMME 2014 – 2020

The Executive considered a report by the Director of Corporate and Neighbourhood Services recommending that Falkirk Council undertakes the role of the accountable body on the Kelvin Valley and Falkirk LEADER programme Local Action Group.

Falkirk Council joined the then Kelvin Valley Local Action Group (LAG) on 14 January 2014 (ref EX105) to form the Kelvin Valley and Falkirk LAG in order to access funding from the LEADER European funding programme 2014-2020. It was now proposed that Falkirk Council undertake the role of accountable body within the LAG from the LEADER programme. The role is separate from the Council's role on the LAG board and is restricted to administering the financial and staffing systems which support the LAG Board. The report set out the benefits to Falkirk Council and the commitment involved, including recruitment, from existing resources, of support staff.

Decision

The Executive agreed:-

- (1) subject to successful internal recruitment, to undertake the role of accountable body for Kelvin Valley and Falkirk 2014-2020 LEADER programme;**
- (2) to note that a service level agreement will be formalised with the Scottish Government in regard to the service to be provided; and**
- (3) to request that Kelvin Valley and Falkirk LEADER Local Action Group confirms it will resource the LEADER staff to fully support the functions of the accountable body, within the budget conditions set by the Scottish Government.**