

## **EX124. FRONTLINE SUPPORT FOR VULNERABLE PEOPLE – CAB RELOCATION**

The Executive considered a report by the Directors of Corporate and Neighbourhood Services and Development Services advising of a proposal to relocate Falkirk Citizens Advice Bureau to property owned by Falkirk Council and that the Council contribute up to £130,943 towards the fit out of the premises.

Falkirk Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) is currently based at Vicar Street, Falkirk. It is considered that the property is not fit for purpose and provides insufficient capacity to allow the CAB to deal with an increasing demand for its services. The report summarised the benefits, to Falkirk CAB and Falkirk Council, in the relocation of the CAB to Falkirk Council owned property at 1-5 Meeks Road, Falkirk.

The cost of the fit out of the property was estimated at £202,610, with the Council's contribution to be capped at £130,943 and subject to conditions as set out in the report.

The report also provided an update on work to develop a long term co-ordinated, multi agency provision to support people at risk, or living in poverty within the Council area.

### **Decision**

#### **The Executive agreed:-**

- (1) to note the ongoing review of services to support people at risk of, or affected by, poverty living in the Falkirk Council area and to request that officers report recommendations on conclusion;**
- (2) to approve the funding package proposed at paragraph 6.3 of the report, which provides the total project cost of £202,610, including a capped contribution of £130,943 from Falkirk Council (to be conditional upon the suspensive conditions outlined in paragraph 6.5 of the report); and**
- (3) that Falkirk Council project manage the fit out of 1-5 Meeks Road for use by Falkirk Citizens Advice Bureau.**