

EX131. CHILD PROTECTION COMMITTEE BIENNIAL REPORT 2012-2014

The Executive considered a report by the Director of Social Work Services presenting Falkirk Child Protection Committee's biennial report for 2012/2014 and its Business Plan for 2014-16 together with a proposal for joint chair arrangements with the proposed Falkirk Adult Support and Protection Committee.

The biennial report, by the Chair of the committee, set out the work of the committee over the period 2012 to 2014 in regard to:-

- continuous improvement activity;
- strategic planning; and
- public information and communication.

The committee is currently chaired by the Director of Social Work Services, Margaret Anderson, who is due to retire in March 2015. It was proposed that, following her retiral, an independent chair is appointed. Earlier in the agenda the Executive considered and approved a proposal (ref EX130) in principle that an independent chair is appointed to both the proposed Falkirk Adult Support and Protection Committee and the Falkirk Child Protection Committee.

Decision

The Executive agreed:-

- (1) to note the work of the Falkirk Child Protection Committee over the period 2012-2014 and endorse the priorities set out in the Committee's Business Plan;
- (2) in principle to the appointment of an independent chairperson to provide continued leadership of the Child Protection Committee following the retiral of Director of Social Work Services, subject to the formal agreement of partners, and
- (3) in principle to the same independent chairperson being appointed to the Adult Support & Protection Committee.