

EX56. 8 CENTRAL BOULEVARD, CENTRAL PARK, LARBERT – UPDATE REPORT

The Executive had agreed on 25 June 2014 (ref EX35) proposals by Rehab Group to acquire the operations of the Council's Sign Factory and to establish a centre of excellence for the training and subsequent employment of people who are distanced from the labour market, particularly those with disabilities.

The Executive considered a report by the Director of Corporate and Neighbourhood Services and the Director of Development Services on progress made following the meeting on 25 June and actions taken in regard to the lease of the premises, the transfer of the Sign Factory staff to Haven Products Ltd and the transfer of plant and machinery. The report also summarised discussions with the Department of Work and Pensions in relation to payments made for plant and machinery to upgrade the premises over 20 years ago.

Decision

The Executive agreed:-

- (1) the transfer of the Sign Factory business and staff to Haven Products Ltd in the terms set out in the report; and**
- (2) to authorise the Chief Executive to enter into an agreement with the Department of Work and Pensions on the basis described in paragraph 2.3 or, following any changes occasioned by continued discussion, on such other basis she considers to be reasonable.**