RECORD OF VOTES TAKEN AT THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE ON TUESDAY 18 AUGUST 2015

Councillors in attendance:

David Alexander	Dennis Goldie	Adrian Mahoney	Malcolm Nicol
Jim Blackwood	Gerry Goldie	Craig Martin	Alan Nimmo
Tom Coleman	Linda Gow	Craig R Martin	

Councillor not in attendance – Robert Spears

Agenda Item: 4b	Subject:	BUS REGULATION

MOTION

Committee agrees that the Scottish Government should bring forward legislation to allow the regulation of buses and ensure that service provision matches need and is of high quality to make public transport an attractive, reliable and affordable option.

Moved by: C Martin Seconded by: C R Martin

AMENDMENT

Committee notes that the former Labour leader in Scotland, Ian Gray, brought forward a similar proposal within the Scottish Parliament but dropped it due to the £1 billion cost of implementation.

Committee therefore agrees to call on the author of this motion to return with a detailed proposal that includes details of how this can be funded and what services are to be cut in order to accommodate this proposal.

Moved by: D Alexander Seconded by: T Coleman

VOTE

For the motion (8)

Jim Blackwood	Adrian Mahoney
Dennis Goldie	Craig Martin
Gerry Goldie	Craig R Martin
Linda Gow	Alan Nimmo

For the amendment (3)

David Alexander	Malcolm Nicol
Tom Coleman	

DECISION: Motion Carried

Agenda Item: 6	Subject:	ENGAGEMENT ON THE 16/17 COUNCIL
		BUDGET

MOTION

Committee agrees:-

- (1) that further information on the purpose of budget engagement will be considered at the meeting of Council in October 2015;
- (2) that information about the budget process will be made available from October onwards, using the methods set out at section 5.7 of the report;
- (3) to note the information about budget engagement carried out in other Council areas and that the required resources to populate the online budget planner tool described in section 4 of the report cannot be easily identified at this time; and
- (4) to note that officers will produce a tactical internal and external engagement and communications plan, to be implemented from October 2015.

Moved by: C Martin Seconded by: C R Martin

AMENDMENT

Committee agrees, in addition;

(1) to establish an all party budget group.

Moved by: T Coleman Seconded by: D Alexander

VOTE

For the motion (9)

Craig Martin
Craig R Martin
Malcolm Nicol
Alan Nimmo

For the amendment (2)

David Alexander	Tom Coleman

DECISION: Motion Carried

Agenda Item: 8	Subject:	PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE

MOTION

Committee agrees to:-

- (1) note the performance of the Portfolio Management Plan and the contribution it is making to the local economy;
- (2) progress the purchase of Plot 6 Abbotsford Business Park for £165,000 plus VAT per the terms of the Abbotsford Business Park Joint Venture Agreement between Scottish Enterprise and Falkirk Council as outlined in paragraph 4.3 of the report; and
- (3) progress with the updated proposals for the Portfolio Management Plan disposal and reinvestment plans as set out in the report and detailed in appendices 1 & 2 to the report.

Moved by: D Goldie Seconded by: C Martin

AMENDMENT

Committee substitutes part (3) of the motion with the following:

notes the views of a number of former sitting tenants who believe their businesses have been financially damaged as a result of the sale of the property to other businesses.

requests that officers bring further report to the Executive outlining the options open to facilitate the selling, at market value, to sitting tenants before commencing the plan outlined in appendixes 1 & 2 of the report.

And the addition of:

(4) Committee notes with concern the lack of a credible investment strategy and therefore agrees to call on officers to carry out an audit of the prospective needs for growth of Falkirk's, SME's beginning with the small businesses contained within the Council's own Business Incubators.

Moved by: D Alexander Seconded by: T Coleman

VOTE

For the motion (9)

Jim Blackwood	Craig Martin
Dennis Goldie	Craig R Martin
Gerry Goldie	Malcolm Nicol
Linda Gow	Alan Nimmo
Adrian Mahoney	

DECISION: Motion Carried

For the amendment (2)

David Alexander	Tom Coleman
David Alexander	

Agenda Item: 9	Subject:	FINANCIAL POSITION 2015/16

MOTION

Committee agrees to note:-

- (1) the Council's projected year-end financial position for 2015/16; and
- (2) the position with reserves.

Moved by: C Martin Seconded by: C R Martin

AMENDMENT

Committee agrees the motion and, in addition;

(1) agrees to refer those parts of the budgets referring to Social Work Adult and Children's Services to the Scrutiny Committee for general scrutiny.

Moved by: T Coleman Seconded by: D Alexander

VOTE

For the motion (9)

Jim Blackwood	Craig Martin
Dennis Goldie	Craig R Martin
Gerry Goldie	Malcolm Nicol
Linda Gow	Alan Nimmo
Adrian Mahoney	

For the amendment (2)

DECISION: Motion Carried

Notes

- 1. This voting record is subject to approval of the formal minute at the next meeting of the Executive on 29 September 2015.
- 2. Only those items where a vote was taken are recorded here. For information about decisions reached on any other items considered at this meeting, please contact Brian Pirie, 01324 506110.