

FC40. Annual Report of the Chief Social Work Officer

Council considered the 2015/16 annual report by the Chief Social Work Officer.

Council is required, in terms of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968, to appoint a Chief Social Work Officer (CSWO) who, among other things, is required to prepare a report on the statutory, governance and leadership functions of the role for submission to the Scottish Government's Chief Social Work Adviser.

Additionally, guidance on the role of the CSWO was published in 2016 which reflected the responsibilities of the role following the integration of health and social care services.

The report for 2015/16 was appended and provided an overview of how the CSWO's statutory responsibilities had been fulfilled.

In accordance with Standing Order 20.12 this report was open for general discussion notwithstanding that there was no division on it.**Decision**

Council agreed to:-

- (1) note the contents of the Chief Social Work Officer's annual report;**
- (2) submit the report to Scottish Government and the Integration Joint Board, and**
- (3) acknowledge the commitment, skills and experience of social work staff in continuing to deliver high quality services to Falkirk citizens.**