

EX129. Consultative Draft – Historic Environment Strategy for Falkirk

The Executive considered a report by the Director of Development Services presenting a draft Historic Environment Strategy for Falkirk “Our Future in the Past” for approval.

A draft Historic Environment Strategy based upon the Historic Environment Strategy for Scotland 2014 “Our Place in Time” has been developed. The strategy reflects national and regional policies on the historic environment as well as the vision and strategic objectives of the Local Development Plan 2015.

The proposed strategy:-

- provides detailed background information on the historic environment within the Falkirk area;
- describes the general benefits brought by the historic environment;
- highlights past achievements, opportunities and threats; and
- sets a strategic vision and identifies specific and measurable actions in a 5 year action plan.

The strategy will replace the current Built Heritage Strategy which was adopted in 2006 and, if approved, will be the basis of external consultation with stakeholders and partners. The outcome of the consultation will be reported to the Executive together with any proposed changes by October 2017.

Decision

The Executive agreed:-

- (1) the consultative draft Historic Environment Strategy for Falkirk 2017 for external consultation; and**
- (2) that a finalised report will be reported back to the Executive for approval and adoption following external consultation.**