

### **EX23. Strategic Property Review – Office Accommodation (Abbotsford House)**

The Executive considered a report by the Director of Development Services providing an update on work undertaken examining office accommodation options for staff currently occupying Abbotsford House and recommending next steps.

The lease on Abbotsford House was due to expire at the end of September 2018. Discussions were ongoing with the landlord regarding the potential to continued occupation of the premises. The service had examined alternative provision offered by private sector providers but this had not yielded positive outcomes. The report advised that another relocation option was to temporarily move staff into Council owned properties. It was proposed that suite 1B at Falkirk Community Stadium was utilised and that a planning application for a change of use to office accommodation be made.

#### **Decision**

**The Executive agreed:-**

- (1) to authorise the Director of Development Services to submit a planning application for the change of use of Suite 1B at Falkirk Community Stadium to office accommodation to assist its appraisal of options for location of Abbotsford House staff, and**
- (2) to receive a further report at its next meeting.**