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AGENDA ITEM

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Minute

FALKIRK COUNCIL

Minute of meeting of the EXECUTIVE held within the Municipal Buildings, Falkirk on Tuesday 10 April 2018 at 11.00 a.m.

Councillors: David Alexander
Robert Bissett
Paul Garner
Dennis Goldie (Convener)
Nigel Harris
Gordon Hughes
James Kerr
Adanna McCue
Cecil Meiklejohn
Malcolm Nicol
Alan Nimmo

Officers: Fiona Campbell, Head of Policy, Technology & Improvement
Arlene Fraser, Committee Services Officer
Rhona Geisler, Director of Development Services
Colin Moodie, Chief Governance Officer
Lesley O'Hare, Culture and Libraries Manager
Mary Pitcaithly, Chief Executive
Stuart Ritchie, Director of Corporate & Housing Services
Bryan Smail, Chief Finance Officer

EX1. Apologies

An apology was intimated on behalf of Councillor Coombes.

EX2. Declarations of Interest

Councillor Garner declared the financial interest of a family member in agenda item 8 (ref EX8) who would be affected and stated that he would not take part in discussion or decision making on the item.

EX3. Minute

Decision

The minute of the meeting of the Executive held on 13 March 2018 was approved.

EX4. Rolling Action Log

A rolling action log detailing decisions not yet implemented following the previous meeting on 13 February 2018 was provided.

Decision

The Executive noted the rolling action log.

EX5. Falkirk Community Trust – Heritage Delivery Plan 2018 - 2023

The Executive considered a report by the Director of Corporate and Housing Services which provided, as an appendix, the Heritage Delivery Plan 2018 – 2023 for approval.

The Plan was organised around the themes of participation, motivation, venues and partnership. The Plan would continue to build on the achievements made during the life of the previous plan, which included:-

- increased attendance at key attractions
- community development and facilitation programmes
- support for projects including the Antonine Wall World Heritage Site, Falkirk Town Heritage Initiative and the World War One Centenary

Councillor Nicol, seconded by Councillor Harris moved that the Executive agrees to continue the matter to the next meeting of the Executive on 15 May 2018.

By way of an amendment, Councillor Meiklejohn seconded by Councillor Garner moved that the Executive agrees the Heritage Delivery Plan 2018 – 2023.

In terms of Standing Order 22.1, the vote was taken by roll call, there being 11 members present with voting as undernoted:-

For the motion (6) – Councillors Bissett, Goldie, Harris, Kerr, Nicol and Nimmo.

For the amendment (5) – Councillors Alexander, Garner, Hughes, McCue and Meiklejohn.

Decision

The Executive agreed the motion.

EX6. Treasury Management Strategy 2018/19

The Executive considered a report by the Director of Corporate and Housing Services which provided the framework for the expected treasury activities for 2018/19.

In terms of the CIPFA Code of Practice for Treasury Management, Council is required to agree an annual Treasury Management Strategy. The recommended strategy for 2018/19 was presented.

The strategy set out:-

- the economic and interest rate outlook;
- debt outstanding at 1 April 2018;
- the short and longer term borrowing requirements for 2018/19;
- borrowing and investment strategies;
- treasury indicators and treasury management advisers;
- migration of banking services
- elected member and officer training.

Decision

The Executive agreed that the report is referred to Council and that the following recommendations are made. That Council:-

- (1) adopts the Borrowing Strategy for 2018/19 as set out in section 4.2 of the report;**
- (2) adopts the Investment Strategy for 2018/19 and approves the list of “Permitted Investments” as set out in section 4.3 of the report;**
- (3) approves the Treasury Indicators as set out in section 4.5 of the report, and**
- (4) notes the Council’s new banking contract with the Royal Bank of Scotland.**

EX7. Exclusion of Public

The Executive agreed in terms of section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, to exclude the press and public from the meeting for the following item of business on the ground that it would involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 11 of part 1 of schedule 7A to the said Act.

Councillor Garner left the meeting prior to consideration of the following item of business in accordance with his declaration of interest.

EX8. Employee Terms and Conditions: 35/37 Hours Protection

The Executive considered a report by the Director of Corporate and Housing Services which provided an update on the possible options relating to the 35/37 hours protection following the outcome of the Trade Union ballot.

Decision

The Executive agreed:-

- (1) to note the outcome of the Trade Union ballot;**
- (2) to ask officers to continue discussions with Trade Unions to determine whether a change to the protection period would result in them undertaking a ballot with a recommendation for acceptance;**
- (3) if this is achieved in the discussions, to authorise officers to make this offer to Trade Unions, with a report on the outcome of any further ballot being submitted to a future meeting of the Executive, and**
- (4) that if the discussions result in an alternative proposal for ballot, a report be submitted to the Executive for consideration.**