

**RECORD OF VOTES TAKEN AT THE MEETING OF FALKIRK COUNCIL  
ON 29 September 2021**

<b>Agenda Item No. 7</b>	<b>Council Headquarters &amp; Arts Centre Update: Option Appraisal</b>
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**Motion**

**That Council:-**

- (1) notes the progress of work on the Council's HQ & arts centre project as summarised in section 4 of the report, including:-**
  - a. the initial design work undertaken on the two requested options;**
  - b. the progress on the site acquisition strategy,**
  - c. the outcomes of the parking review**
  - d. work undertaken to review the arts centre business case**
  - e. the outcomes of the carbon assessment**
  - f. work undertaken to review the town centre regeneration benefits of the scheme**
- (2) agrees that a separate report be forwarded to the Executive requesting that the Council promotes a Compulsory Purchase Order to assemble the High St/Cockburn St site;**
- (3) agrees to the selection of Option B as the preferred option to be progressed by the Council and authorises the Acting Director of Development Services to progress this option through conduct of further stages of design and consultation, and**
- (4) agrees that a further update report is presented to the Council on progress within 6 months, or at any pertinent point as considered necessary by the Acting Director of Development Services/Director of Place.**

**Moved by: C Meiklejohn**

**Seconded by: D Alexander**

**Amendment**

**That Council:-**

- (1) notes the contents of the report and the updated financial information provided;**
- (2) in light of the Council's current financial position to agree not to proceed with either option A or B, and**
- (3) agrees to seek a further report from the Acting Director with updated costs and design options for the following:-**
  - a. to build an HQ building (c.200 workstations) incorporating civic accommodation on the current site as close to the front as possible (taking in the footprint of Westbank);**

- b. retain the Town Hall in its current form and look at a partial upgrade particularly around improving energy efficiency in light of the need to tackle climate change;
- c. at a date in the future a library and hub in a High Street site.

and that the report should provide further information on funding sources that would be available to support each of the options to be addressed in the report.

Moved by: R Bissett  
Seconded by: D Goldie

### VOTE

#### For the motion (13)

D Alexander	G Hughes
D Balfour	A McCue
L Binnie	C Meiklejohn
G Bouse	L Murtagh
N Coleman	Depute Provost A Ritchie
F Collie	R Spears
P Garner	

#### For the amendment (15)

D Aitchison	D Grant
R Bissett	N Harris
A Black	J Kerr
J Blackwood	J McLuckie
Provost W Buchanan	L Munro
J Coombes	A Nimmo
J Flynn	J Patrick
D Goldie	

**Decision: Amendment carried**

#### Notes

1. This voting record is subject to approval of the formal minute at the meeting of Falkirk Council on 8 December 2021.
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.