

**FALKIRK COUNCIL**

**Subject: REVENUE BUDGET 2010/11**  
**REFERRAL FROM HOUSING AND SOCIAL CARE COMMITTEE**  
**Meeting: FALKIRK COUNCIL**  
**Date: 10 FEBRUARY 2010**  
**Authors: CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND DIRECTOR OF FINANCE**

**1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

- 1.1 This report supplements our principal report on the Revenue Budget and provides Members with the outcome of the discussions on funding to external organisations at the Housing and Social Care Committee. The Report from the Acting Director of Social Work Services to that Committee is attached as an appendix to this Report.
- 1.2 The recommendations in the Report were moved by Cllr Blackwood and seconded by Cllr McNeill. These were as follows:-

Committee is asked to:

- 6.1 note the report made in accordance with “Following the Public Pound” monitoring framework for the financial year 2008/2009, and endorse the satisfactory performance of these Organisations:

Table 1

Organisations	JWA proposals
Aberlour Child Care Trust	2009/12 ( existing)
Addictions Support & Counselling (ASC) – Forth Valley	2010/11
Advocacy into Action	2010/11
Alzheimer Scotland	2009/11
Barnardo’s Cluaran Service	2010/11
Crossroads	2010/11
Independent Living Association Forth Valley	2009/12 ( existing)
Falkirk & District Association for Mental Health ( except Time Out Service)	2010/11, subject to service review of In Touch
Forth Valley Advocacy	2010/11
Forth Valley Sensory Centre	Rolling Agreement
Open Secret	2010/11
Princess Royal Trust – Central Carers Association	2010/12
Quarriers Children's Rights Service	2009/11
Relationship Scotland	2010/11
SACRO Restorative Justice Service	2010/11
Signpost Recovery	2010/11
Tayavalla NCH	Moved to full contract
WRVS	2009/12 ( existing)

- 6.2 acknowledge and recognise the work undertaken by the organisations described in Appendices 1 and 2 in supporting and assisting local people;
- 6.3 endorse the proposals, as outlined in Table 1 for extension of Joint Working Agreements, mainly being one year extensions only at this time and refer consideration of funding levels for these organisations to Falkirk Council as part of the 2010/11 budget setting process;
- 6.4 endorse the proposals outlined in Section 3 to discontinue funding to the 3 services outlined i.e. Barnardo's Matrix, Children 1<sup>st</sup> Family Group Conferencing Service and FDAMH Time Out Service, on the basis that the needs of service users can be appropriately met through alternative existing service provision and that due notice will be provided to these organisations and refer this to Falkirk Council for approval as part of the 2010/11 budget considerations, and
- 6.5 ask the Acting Director of Social Work Services to ensure that all grant funded activity is reviewed in the next 12 months, where necessary in conjunction with other Council Services, to ensure financial and strategic fit from 2011 onwards.

1.3 Cllr Meiklejohn seconded by Cllr McNally moved an amendment in the following terms:-

- (1) in paragraph 6.4 to delete reference to the FDAMH Time Out Service;
- (2) to insert a new paragraph 6.5

“Recognise the excellent support services that Falkirk and District Association for Mental Health provide to those with mental health difficulties, that the Time out – Crisis Out of Hours Service is a valuable addition to the services already provided, endorse continued financial support for 2010/11 and refer this to Falkirk Council for consideration as part of the 2010/11 budget considerations; and

- (3) re-number existing paragraph 6.5 accordingly.

1.4 On a roll call vote the following votes were cast: -

For the Motion (7) – Councillors Blackwood, Buchanan, Gow, C MacDonald, McLuckie, McNeill and Patrick.

For the Amendment (5) – Councillors Constable, Jackson, A MacDonald, McNally and Meiklejohn.

Accordingly the Motion was carried by 7 votes to 5.

The following recommendations are referred for consideration or approval by Council:-

- (1) to endorse the proposals, as outlined in Table 1 for extension of Joint Working Agreements, mainly being one year extensions only at this time and refer consideration of funding levels for these organisations to Falkirk Council as part of the 2010/11 budget setting process, and
- (2) to endorse the proposals outlined in Section 3 to discontinue funding to the 3 services outlined i.e Barnardo's Matrix, Children 1<sup>st</sup> Family Group Conferencing Service and FDAMH Time Out Service, on the basis that the needs of service users can be

appropriately met through alternative existing service provision and that due notice will be provided to these organisations and refer this to Falkirk Council for approval as part of the 2010/11 budget considerations

- 1.5 The first referral in relation to the level of funding should be read along with paragraph 5.7 of our principal Report together with the recommendation at 12.2(d). The referral in relation to the funding for the three specific organisations is referred to at paragraph 7.3.5 of our principal report together with the recommendation at paragraph 12.2(c).

## **2. RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 It is recommended that Council consider the referrals from Housing and Social Care Committee.

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**Chief Executive**

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**Director of Finance**

**Date: 2 February 2010**

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