

**FALKIRK COUNCIL**

**Subject: APPOINTMENT TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS**  
**Meeting: FALKIRK COUNCIL**  
**Date: 5 OCTOBER 2011**  
**Author: CHIEF GOVERNANCE OFFICER**

**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek nominations to the following outside organisations:-

- The Helix Trust, and
- Falkirk Community Trust

**2. BACKGROUND**

**2.1 The Helix Trust**

Council appointed Councillor Mahoney and Councillor C R Martin to the Board of Helix Trust on 29 April 2009. Councillor Mahoney has intimated his resignation from the Board. Council is invited to appoint a replacement member to the Board.

The HELIX Trust was created as a charitable company by Falkirk Council, British Waterways and Central Scotland Forest Trust in 2009 to act as guardian of the ethos of the HELIX project and to set and maintain the strategic direction of the project. Its Board comprises 9 members and meets 9 times a year.

**2.2 Falkirk Community Trust Board**

On 2 March 2011, Council agreed the Falkirk Council membership of the Falkirk Community Trust Board and that the elected members on the Trust Board would form an interim board to facilitate the creation of the Trust.

Provost Reid and Councillors Mahoney and Nicol were appointed to the Board on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2011. Councillors Kenna and Meiklejohn were nominated thereafter as the SNP Group's representatives. Councillors Kenna and Meiklejohn subsequently intimated their resignations from the Board.

Falkirk Community Trust was formally constituted in June 2011 and became operational on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2011. Two Falkirk Council positions on the Board of the Trust remain vacant. Council is invited to appoint two Falkirk Council representatives to these positions.

**3. RECOMMENDATIONS**

**3.1 Council is invited to appoint:-**

- (1) a representative to the Board of the Helix Trust; and**
- (2) two representatives to the Board of Falkirk Community Trust.**

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**Chief Governance Officer**

**Date: 14 September 2011**  
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**LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 1. Resignation letter.