

FALKIRK COUNCIL

MINUTE of MEETING of the ECONOMIC, STRATEGY AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE held in the MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, FALKIRK on TUESDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 2012 at 9.30 A.M.

ESD6. BUSINESS SUPPORT – UPDATE

With reference to the Minute of Meeting of Falkirk Council held on 20 June 2012 (Para FC19 refers), there was submitted Report (circulated) dated 4 September 2012, by the Director of Development Services advising on the preparations made to date for implementing the new business support service on 1 October 2012.

Discussion took place on the following:-

- how the business grants scheme will work
- the arrangements for staff transferring to the new organisation
- continuity of service provision
- how the new opportunities and key sectors are identified
- work being done to support the existing town centre management arrangements
- how the new service will consult and communicate with communities
- work being undertaken to build on the existing structures

Councillor Goldie seconded by Councillor Blackwood moved that Committee approve the recommendations as outlined in the Report.

By way of an amendment, with notice given by Councillor Oliver of a further amendment, Councillor Oliver seconded by Councillor Bird moved that:-

“Committee approves the recommendations in the Report, but adds to the recommendations that officers will report back to Full Council an update on the Business Support service in March 2013”

On a division, 5 members voted for the motion and 4 for the amendment.

The motion was accordingly carried, against which, by way of a further amendment Councillor Oliver, seconded by Councillor Bird, moved that:-

“Committee approves the recommendations in the Report, but adds to the recommendations that officers report back the business of the parliamentary hearing to the next Economic Strategy and Development Committee”

On a division, 5 members voted for the motion and 4 members voted for the amendment. Accordingly:-

NOTED the terms of the Report.

AGREED to receive a further Report on the operation of the Business Support service and proposals for the future development of the service.