

- Structure planting required on periphery of site to mitigate visual impact.

#### Proposals Map: Map 2

Add new proposal ED\*\* as shown in the map above.

Remove green belt from area covered by new proposal.

#### **Changes to Supporting Information**

##### SEA Environmental Report

Make consequential changes to Environmental Report to reflect the addition of the proposal.

##### Proposed Action Programme

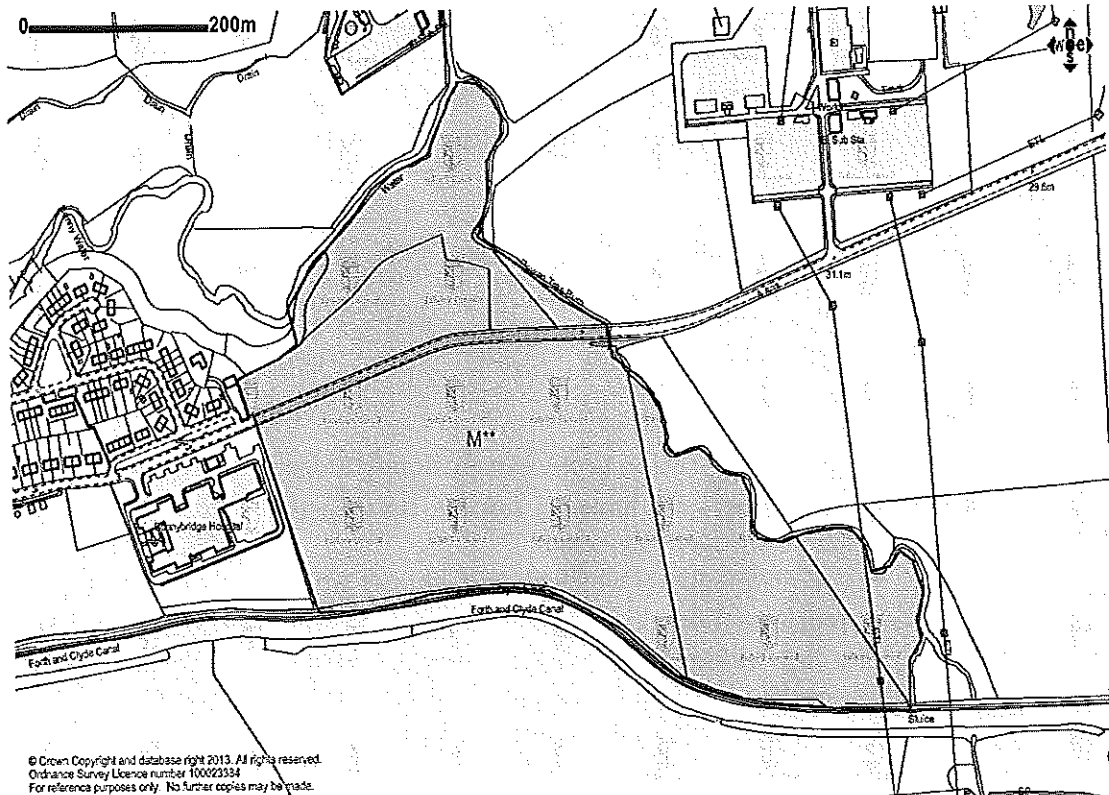
Add proposal to action programme with appropriate programming information.

##### Technical Reports

Make consequential changes to Site Assessment to reflect the addition of the proposal.

### **(3) East Bonnybridge**

To include a site at East Bonnybridge, as shown in the map below, as a proposal for mixed use development (including housing, nursing home and sports and recreation facilities) in the Proposed Plan, and to amend the boundary of the green belt to the east of Bonnybridge to exclude the site.



## Detailed Changes to Proposed Plan

### Bonnybridge & Banknock Settlement Statement

Paragraph 4.12 Delete and replace with:-

“In Bonnybridge a significant settlement expansion and green belt removal to the east of the town is promoted (M\*\*), comprising housing and sports facilities.

Further housing opportunities include an urban infill site to the north of the canal at Falkirk Road (H11) and brownfield sites to the south of the canal at Seabegs Road (H13) and Broomhill Road (H12). In total these sites are projected to deliver 313 new homes.”

### Figure 4.3 Bonnybridge and Banknock Housing Allocation

Amend figures as follows:-

New proposals: 248

Total: 1402

### Figure 4.4 Bonnybridge and Banknock Proposals/Opportunities (paragraph 4.16)

Add new proposal M\*\* East Bonnybridge in Housing/Other Sites: Bonnybridge section.

### Spatial Strategy: Housing

Figure 3.1 Housing Land Allocations by Settlement Area (paragraph 3.9)

Map 3.1 Housing and Green Belt (paragraph 3.10)

Amend housing figures to reflect addition of the site as a new proposal.

Amend map to reflect removal of area of green belt.

### Appendix 1: Site Schedule

Add new proposal M\* East Bonnybridge as follows:-

Ref No: M\*

Site Name: East Bonnybridge

Site Size (ha): 19.9

Housing capacity: 200

Status: New proposal

#### Site Comments:

- Greenfield expansion to the east of Bonnybridge involving green belt release.
- Proposed uses are housing, nursing home, sports and recreation facilities, and green network enhancement.
- Masterplan required which should address a number of issues including presence of pipelines through the site, and associated health and safety constraints.
- Site lies within Antonine Wall World Heritage Site (WHS) Buffer Zone and adjacent to Forth & Clyde Canal. Design and layout will have to address impact on the WHS and on the setting of the canal.
- Extensive green network enhancement required including access, landscape and habitat improvements associated with Bonny Water, Rowantree Burn and Forth & Clyde Canal.
- Flood risk assessment required.

- Contributions required to address education capacity issues resulting from the development.
- 15% affordable housing requirement.

#### Proposals Map: Map 2

Add new proposal M\* as shown in the map above.

Remove green belt from area covered by new proposal.

### **Changes to Supporting Information**

#### SEA Environmental Report

Make consequential changes to Environmental Report to reflect the addition of the proposal.

#### Proposed Action Programme

Add proposal to action programme with appropriate programming information.

#### Technical Reports

Make consequential changes to Site Assessment, Housing and Green Belt to reflect the addition of the proposal.

#### **(4) Garngrew Road, Haggs**

To include the site at Garngrew Road, Haggs, as shown in the Main Issues Report, as a housing site with an indicative capacity of 20 units in the Proposed Plan and Proposed Action Programme with all consequential amendments made to the Proposed Plan and Proposed Action Plan to reflect that.

Council adjourned at 1.15 pm for lunch and reconvened at 2.00 pm with all members present as per the sederunt with the exception of Councillor McNally.

### **FC97. REFERRAL FROM LEISURE TOURISM AND COMMUNITY COMMITTEE ON 19 FEBRUARY 2013 CARRON DAMS: LOCAL NATURE RESERVE DESIGNATION**

There was submitted report (circulated) by the Director of Development Services advising that Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH) had formally supported the designation of Carron Dams as a Local Nature Reserve under section 21 of the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949.

**AGREED** to designate Carron Dams as a Local Nature Reserve in terms of the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949.

**FC98. TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY 2013/14**

There was submitted report (circulated) by the Chief Finance Officer (a) advising that the Code of Practice for Treasury Management requires an Annual Strategy Report to be prepared and submitted to Council for approval, and (b) presenting a Strategy setting out (i) outstanding debt at 1 April 2013; (ii) the longer term borrowing requirement for 2013/14; (iii) the Council's borrowing and investment strategies; (iv) the Treasury indicators, and (v) member/officer training considerations.

**AGREED:-**

- (1) the Borrowing Strategy for 2013/14 as set out in section 5 of the report;
- (2) the Investment Strategy for 2013/14 and the list of "Permitted Investments" as set out in section 6 of the report;
- (3) the Treasury Indicators as set out in section 7 of the report, and
- (4) to instruct the Chief Finance Officer to arrange training as outlined in section 10 of the report.

**FC99. ACCEPTANCE OF TENDERS OVER £350,000 IN VALUE: CONTRACT FOR ST ANDREW'S PRIMARY SCHOOL – EXTENSION TO ASSEMBLY HALL (FAL-6461)**

There was submitted report (circulated) by the Director of Development Services advising that (a) tenders were invited for the contract for the extension to the existing gym hall at St Andrews Primary School; (b) 4 tenders had been received by the due date of 19 February 2013 and opened that day in accordance with Standing Order 11 relating to meetings, and (c) the lowest tender was submitted by Hadden Construction Ltd, 1 Maidenpark Place, Aberuthven in the sum of £413,037.48.

**AGREED**, in accordance with Standing Order 6.2 (iv), to accept the tender submitted by Hadden Construction Ltd, in the sum of £413,037.48 in respect of the contract for the extension to the existing gym hall at St Andrews Primary School.

**FC100. WELFARE REFORM – UPDATE**

With reference to the minute of meeting held on 26 September 2012 (Paragraph FC48 refers), there was submitted report (circulated) by the Director of Corporate and Neighbourhood Services (a) providing an update on the impact of Welfare Reform on workstreams across the Council; (b) highlighting measures to mitigate the impact of reform on the citizens of the area including the implementation of the Scottish Welfare Fund; (c) presenting a draft revised Discretionary Housing Payment scheme which would allow officers to better target those affected by current and planned changes in benefits, and (d) detailing proposals to utilise the Fairer Falkirk Fund to target those most in need.

Councillor C Martin, seconded by Councillor Black, moved that Council:-

- (1) allocates £35,000 from the Fairer Falkirk Fund to increase the budget provision for Discretionary Housing Payments for 2012/13, and
- (2) apart from the allocation referred to in the preceding paragraph, continues consideration of the report to a special meeting of Council, to be held before 31 March 2013, to allow members to attend a briefing on welfare reform.

Councillor Meiklejohn proposed the following in addition to the motion:

- (3) invites the Scottish Secretary, Michael Moore MP and David Mundell MP to a meeting in Falkirk with group leaders and representatives of the community to hear first hand the misery being caused by the UK Government's policies.

Councillor D Goldie then proposed a further addition to the motion, namely that Council asks the Scottish Government to make up to £50m available to alleviate the impact of the bedroom tax in the first year as requested by Shelter.

Council adjourned at 2.30 pm for 10 minutes to allow members to discuss the motion and the proposed additions thereto.

On reconvening, Councillor Martin confirmed that, with the consent of the Provost and Councillor Black, as his seconder, he would adjust his motion to read:-

- (1) to allocate £35k from the Fairer Falkirk Fund to increase the budget provision for Discretionary Housing Payments for 2012/13;
- (2) apart from the allocation referred to in the preceding paragraph, to continue consideration of the report to the special meeting of Council to be held before 31 March 2013 to allow members to attend a briefing on welfare reform;
- (3) to invite the Scottish Secretary, Michael Moore MP; and David Mundell MP; together with all MPs and MSPs representing the Falkirk Council area to meet in Falkirk with group leaders and representatives of the community to hear first hand the misery being caused by the UK Government's policies, and
- (4) to ask the Scottish Government to make up to £50m available to alleviate the impact of the bedroom tax in the first year as requested by Shelter.

By way of an amendment, Councillor Meiklejohn seconded by Councillor Alexander moved paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of the motion.

In terms of Standing Order 21.4(1) a vote was taken by roll call, there being 30 members present with voting as undernoted:-

For the motion (17) - Provost Reid; Depute Provost Patrick; Councillors Black, Blackwood, Buchanan, D Goldie, G Goldie, Gow, MacDonald, McLuckie, Mahoney, C Martin, Dr C R Martin, Murray, Nicol, Nimmo and Paterson.

For the amendment (13) – Councillors Alexander, Balfour, Carleschi, Chalmers, Coleman, Hughes, Jackson, McCabe, Meiklejohn, Oliver, Ritchie, Spears and Turner.

Accordingly, **AGREED:-**

- (1) to allocate £35k from the Fairer Falkirk Fund to increase the budget provision for Discretionary Housing Payments for 2012/13;
- (2) apart from the allocation referred to in the preceding paragraph, to continue consideration of the report to the special meeting of Council to be held before 31 March 2013 to allow members to attend a briefing on welfare reform;
- (3) to invite the Scottish Secretary, Michael Moore MP; and David Mundell MP; together with all MPs and MSPs representing the Falkirk Council area to meet in Falkirk with group leaders and representatives of the community to hear first hand the misery being caused by the UK Government's policies, and
- (4) to ask the Scottish Government to make up to £50m available to alleviate the impact of the bedroom tax in the first year as requested by Shelter.

#### **FC101. NEWTOWN PARK BO'NESS**

With reference to the minute of the meeting held on 22 June 2011 (Paragraph FC36 refers), there was submitted report (circulated) by the Chief Governance Officer (a) advising that Newton Park, Bo'ness was currently held in trust by Falkirk Council through the Newton Park Trust; (b) updating Council on progress with the proposal to transfer Newtown Park to the Newtown Park Community Trust, and (c) inviting Council to appoint a sufficient number of councillors to act as trustees for the Newtown Park Trust in order to take forward the proposed transfer.

**NOTED** the proposed formation of Newtown Park Community Trust as a suitable alternative public trust to receive the transfer of the park from the Newtown Park Trust.

**AGREED** to appoint the Provost and Councillors Mahoney, Ritchie and Turner, as trustees for the current Newtown Park Trust.

#### **FC102. EXECUTION OF DEEDS**

There was submitted report (circulated) by the Chief Governance Officer advising of the deeds which had been signed and sealed on behalf of the Council since its last meeting.

**NOTED** the signing and sealing by the Chief Governance Officer of the deeds as detailed in the Appendix to the report.

**FC103. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC**

**RESOLVED** in terms of Section 50A (4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, to exclude from the meeting the press and public for the following item of business on the ground that it would involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 9 of Part 1 to Schedule 7A of the said Act.

**FC104. 9 CENTRAL BOULEVARD, CENTRAL PARK, LARBERT**

There was submitted report (circulated) by the Director of Development Services (a) advising of proposals to terminate the Council's lease of 9 Central Boulevard, Central Park, Larbert, to facilitate local economic development, and (b) detailing the financial regulations for Falkirk Council in the proposed spend to save transaction.

**AGREED** the proposals for the early termination of the Council's current lease at 9 Central Boulevard, Central Park, Larbert at a cost of £1,500,000 on the terms set out in the report.

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**FALKIRK COUNCIL**

**MINUTE of MEETING of the PENSIONS COMMITTEE held in the offices of ABERDEEN ASSET MANAGEMENT, 40 PRINCES STREET, EDINBURGH on THURSDAY 7 MARCH 2013 at 10.30a.m.**

**PRESENT:** Depute Provost Patrick; Councillors Blackwood, Coleman and Carleschi; Councillor C Campbell (Employers Representative); and A Redpath (Pensioner Representative).

**CONVENER:** Depute Provost Patrick.

**ATTENDING:** Pensions Manager and Committee Services Officer (A Sobieraj).

**ALSO IN**

**ATTENDANCE:** J Rundell (Audit Scotland); B Miller (Lothian Pension Fund); and L Selman (Hymans Robertson).

**PE32. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were intimated on behalf of Councillors C Martin and Paterson and Mr G Eals.

**PE33. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations were made.

**PE34. URGENT ITEMS**

Depute Provost Patrick advised that, in accordance with Standing Order 9.1, he had **AGREED** to accept urgent items regarding the Annual Audit Plan for financial year 2012/13 and Pension Fund - Affordable Housing Seminar on 28 February 2013.

**PE34. MINUTE**

There was submitted (circulated) and **APPROVED** Minute of Meeting of the Pensions Committee held on 6 December 2012, and **NOTED** Minute of Meeting of the Pensions Panel held on 21 February 2013.



**PE35. PENSION FUND - GENERAL GOVERNANCE MATTERS**

There was submitted Report (circulated) dated 6 February 2013 by the Chief Finance Officer presenting an update on General Governance matters in relation to the Falkirk Council Pension Fund as undernoted:-.

Areas covered by the Report included:-

- Auto Enrolment;
- LGPS Regulations Made;
- Government White Paper: State Pension Arrangements;
- Retail Price Index;
- National Fraud Initiative;
- Local Authority Pension Fund Forum (LAPFF); and
- Tobacco Investment.

**NOTED.**

**AGREED** to instruct the Chief Finance Officer to submit a Report on the issue of Socially Responsible Investment (SRI) to the next meetings of the Committee and Panel.

**PE36. PENSIONS REFORM**

There was submitted Report (circulated) dated 8 February 2013 by the Chief Finance Officer presenting an update on the latest proposals for the Public Sector Pensions Reform.

**NOTED.**

**PE37. ORDER OF BUSINESS**

In terms of Standing Order 15.2(i), Depute Provost Patrick advised of a variation to the order of business from that detailed on the agenda for the meeting. The following items have been recorded in the order that they were taken.

**PE38. PENSION FUND - ANNUAL AUDIT PLAN**

There was submitted Report (circulated) dated 28 February 2013 by the Chief Finance Officer on the Annual Audit Plan for the financial year 2012/13 as proposed by Audit Scotland in its capacity as auditor to the Falkirk Council Pension Fund.

**NOTED.**

**PE39. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC**

**RESOLVED** in terms of Section 50A (4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, to exclude from the meeting the press and public for the following items of business on the ground that they would involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 9 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A of the said Act.

**PE40. PENSION FUND - AFFORDABLE HOUSING SEMINAR, CALLENDAR HOUSE 28 FEBRUARY 2013**

There was submitted Report (circulated) dated 4 March 2013 by the Chief Finance Officer on the Affordable Housing Seminar held on 28 February 2013.

**AGREED** that officers, in liaison with Hymans Robertson submit a Report to a joint meeting of the Committee and Panel on the potential for investment in Affordable Housing.

Councillor Coleman left the meeting prior to consideration of the following item of business.

**PE41. SCHRODER'S PROPERTY MANDATE - UNDER-PERFORMANCE**

There was submitted Report (circulated) dated 8 February 2013 by the Chief Finance Officer (a) referring to the Pension Fund's Property Mandate managed by Schroder Investment Management; (b) advising that the Mandate had been performing below benchmark for some period of time and the subject of a Report to the previous meetings of the Committee and Panel, and (c) recommending appropriate action to address the performance situation.

**AGREED** to **CONTINUE** consideration of the matter until after the representatives from Schrodors were heard under minute item PE42. The application would be considered following the next item on the agenda.

**PE42. FUND MANAGER REVIEW**

Presentation by Schrodors.

C Watson, G Rutter and A Docherty from Schrodors gave a presentation covering the following areas:-

- Portfolio position as at 31 December 2012;
- History of Portfolio;
- Re-positioning Strategy;
- Continental European Fund; and
- Investment Outlook.

**NOTED.**

The Chair thanked Ms Watson, Mr Rutter and Mr Docherty for their informative presentation.

**PE43. CONTINUED ITEM - SCHRODER'S PROPERTY MANDATE - UNDER-PERFORMANCE**

With reference to Paragraph PE41, there was submitted Report (circulated) dated 8 February 2013 (a) referring to the Pension Fund's Property Mandate managed by Schroder Investment Management; (b) advising that the Mandate had been performing below benchmark for some period of time and the subject of a Report to the previous meetings of the Committee and Panel, and (c) recommending appropriate action to address the performance situation.

**AGREED:-**

- (1) to retain the Fund Manager, and
- (2) to instruct the Chief Finance Officer to write formally to Schrodgers to express disappointment with the performance of the portfolio and advise that a further review would be undertaken within the next twelve months.

The Convener agreed a 30 minute recess at 12.55 p.m. prior to consideration of the following item of business. The meeting reconvened at 13.20 p.m. with all Members present as per the sederunt, with the exception of Councillor Coleman.

**PE44. FUND MANAGER REVIEW**

Presentation by Aberdeen Asset Management.

J Pine and S Methven from Aberdeen Asset Management gave a presentation covering the following areas:-

- Portfolio position as at 31 December 2012;
- Philosophy and process;
- Recent Portfolio Changes;
- Fund Performance; and
- Investment Outlook.

**NOTED.**

The Chair thanked Ms Pine and Mr Methven for their informative presentation.

**PE45. FUND MANAGER PERFORMANCE REVIEW**

There was submitted report (circulated) dated 11 February 2013 by the Chief Finance Officer reviewing the overall performance of the Fund and of the undernoted Fund Managers:-

- Aberdeen Asset Management;
- Baillie Gifford Bonds;
- Baillie Gifford Diversified Growth;
- Legal and General;
- Newton Investment Management; and
- Schroder Investment Management.

**NOTED** the performance and actions taken by the Managers, in accordance with the investment policies, for the quarter ending 31 December 2012.

**PE46. PRIVATE EQUITY AND ALTERNATIVES UPDATE**

There was submitted report (circulated) dated 12 February 2013 by the Chief Finance Officer updating on progress and events arising from the Investment Programme of SL Capital (Standard Life), Wilshire Associates, Credit Suisse (CFIG) and M&G for the quarter ending 31 December 2012.

**NOTED:-**

- (1) the progress of the Private Equity, Infrastructure and Credit Market Programmes as at 31 December 2012; and
- (2) the new investment opportunities with Wilshire Associates and M&G.

DRAFT**FALKIRK COUNCIL**

**MINUTE of MEETING of the PLANNING COMMITTEE held ON SITE on MONDAY 11 MARCH 2013 commencing at 9.30 a.m.**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Black, Buchanan, Carleschi, Chalmers, McLuckie, Mahoney, Meiklejohn, Paterson (for application P/12/0597/HAZ) and Turner.

**CONVENER:** Councillor Buchanan.

**ATTENDING:** Development Manager; Development Management Co-ordinator (B Whittle); Senior Planning Officer (A Finlayson) (for application P/12/0827/FUL); Transport Planning Co-ordinator; Network Co-ordinator; Environmental Health Officer (S Henderson); Solicitor (K Quin); and Committee Officer (A Sobieraj).

**P209. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor Nicol.

**P210. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations were made.

**P211. ERECTION OF NEW SOCIAL HOUSING CONSISTING OF 8 VILLAS AND 16 FLATS, ASSOCIATED ROADS, PARKING AND SUDS PROVISION AT LAND TO THE SOUTH OF GLENFUIR COURT, SUMMERFORD, FALKIRK FOR FALKIRK COUNCIL - P/12/0827/FUL**

With reference to Minute of Meeting of the Planning Committee held on 27 February 2013 (Paragraph P196 refers), Committee gave further consideration to Report (circulated) dated 19 February 2013 by the Director of Development Services on an application for full planning permission for the erection of new social housing consisting of 8 villas and 16 flats, associated roads, car parking spaces for 32 cars and 12 visitor spaces and associated SUDS provision on land to the south of Glenfuir Court, Summerford, Falkirk.

The Convener introduced the parties present.

The Senior Planning Officer (A Finlayson) outlined the nature of the application.

Mr Millard, the applicant's agent, was heard in relation to the application.

Mr Gillespie, the applicant's representative, was heard in relation to the application.

Ms Luke, an objector, was heard in relation to the application.

Mr Peden, an objector, was heard in relation to the application.

Mr Smith, an objector, was heard in relation to the application.

Mr Marshall, an objector, was heard in relation to the application.

The objections included the following issues:-

- The proximity of proposed flats to existing housing;
- The potential impacts on privacy and residential amenity; and
- The loss of open space and the traffic generation resulting from the development.

Questions were then asked by Members of the Committee.

Councillor Patrick, as local Member for the area, was heard in relation to the application.

Councillor D Goldie, as local Member for the area, was heard in relation to the application.

The Convener concluded by thanking the parties for their attendance and advising that the matter would be determined at a Special meeting of the Planning Committee on 11 March 2013 at 2.00 p.m.

**P212. REMOVAL OF CONDITION ATTACHED TO HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES CONSENT P/10/0582/HAZ TO ALLOW STORAGE OF ETHANOL IN WAREHOUSES M, N AND S, INCREASING THE OVERALL MAXIMUM STORAGE QUANTITY TO 41,000 TONNES AT STORAGE UK, GRANGE LANE, GRANGEMOUTH FK3 8EG FOR DIAGEO (SCOTLAND) LTD - P/12/0597/HAZ**

With reference to Minute of Meeting of the Planning Committee held on 27 February 2013 (Paragraph P206 refers), Committee gave further consideration to Report (circulated) dated 19 February 2013 by the Director of Development Services on an application for hazardous substances consent for the variation of the terms of hazardous substances consent P/10/0582/HAZ to increase the amount of ethanol stored from 25,000 tonnes to 41,000 tonnes and to permit ethanol to be stored within other parts of the warehouse premises at the site of Storage UK, to the north west of the Town Centre at the junction of Grange Lane and South Bridge Street, Grangemouth.

The Convener introduced the parties present.

The Development Management Co-ordinator (B Whittle) outlined the nature of the application.

Mr Fox, the applicant's representative, was heard in relation to the application.

Mr Buchanan, the site owner, was heard in relation to the application.

Mr McKerral, on behalf of Grangemouth Yacht Club, an objector, was heard in relation to the application.

Councillor Spears, having indicated he had an objection to the application, was heard in relation to the application.

The objections included the following issues:-

- The existing use of the premises to store ethanol which caused a fungus to grow on Yacht Club boat decks, ropes, sails, hatch covers, moorings, pontoons and landing decks;
- The slippery surfaces from fungus and the risk of persons falling on the Yacht Club pontoons;
- The expense incurred by Yacht Club members to remove the fungus; and
- The health and safety concerns associated with black mould fungus.

Questions were then asked by Members of the Committee.

The visit included Members viewing the area of the yard next to the Yacht Club to view the areas experiencing fungal problems.

Councillor Spears, as local Member for the area, was heard in relation to the application.

The Convener concluded by thanking the parties for their attendance and advising that the matter would be determined at a Special meeting of the Planning Committee on 11 March 2013 at 2.00 p.m.

DRAFT**FALKIRK COUNCIL**

**MINUTE of SPECIAL MEETING of the PLANNING COMMITTEE held in the MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, FALKIRK on MONDAY 11 MARCH 2013 at 2.00 p.m.**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Alexander, Black, Buchanan, Carleschi, Chalmers, Mahoney, C Martin, Meiklejohn, McLuckie, Paterson and Turner.

**CONVENER:** Councillor Buchanan.

**ATTENDING:** Director of Development Services; Chief Governance Officer; Development Manager; Development Management Co-ordinator (B Whittle); Transport Planning Co-ordinator; Network Co-ordinator; Environmental Health Officer (S Henderson); Legal Services Manager (I Henderson); and Committee Officer (A Sobieraj).

**P213. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor Nicol.

**P214. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations were made.

Prior to consideration of business, the Member below made the following statement:-

- Councillor Alexander informed the Committee that as he had not attended the site visit he would not take part in consideration of hazardous substances consent application P/12/0597/HAZ (minute P216) but he would take part in consideration of planning applications P/12/0827/FUL, P/12/0830/FUL and P/12/0831/FUL (minute P215, P217 and P218) as he was sufficiently familiar with the sites.

**P215. ERECTION OF NEW SOCIAL HOUSING CONSISTING OF 8 VILLAS AND 16 FLATS, ASSOCIATED ROADS, PARKING AND SUDS PROVISION AT LAND TO THE SOUTH OF GLENFUIR COURT, SUMMERFORD, FALKIRK FOR FALKIRK COUNCIL - P/12/0827/FUL**

With reference to Minute of Meeting of the Planning Committee held on 27 February 2013 (Paragraph P196 refers), Committee gave further consideration to Report (circulated) dated 19 February 2013 by the Director of Development Services on an application for full planning permission for the erection of new social housing consisting of 8 villas and 16 flats, associated roads, car parking spaces for 32 cars and 12 visitor spaces and associated SUDs provision on land to the south of Glenfuir Court, Summerford, Falkirk.



Councillor Chalmers, seconded by Councillor Carleschi, moved that the application be refused on the following grounds:-

- (1) serious concerns regarding road safety;
- (2) the exacerbation of the flooding issues, and
- (3) the loss of amenity to surrounding properties.

By way of an amendment, Councillor Mahoney, seconded by Councillor Black, moved that the application be granted in accordance with the recommendations in the Report together with an addendum that the spend of the sum of £129,280 to mitigate the loss of open space be agreed in consultation with the local community.

On a division, 5 Members voted for the motion and 6 voted for the amendment.

Accordingly, **AGREED** to **GRANT** planning permission, subject to the following conditions and subject to the spend of the sum of £129,280 to mitigate the loss of open space being agreed in consultation with the local community:-

- (1) Unless otherwise agreed in writing with Falkirk Council as Planning Authority prior to the commencement of development, confirmation shall be provided of the arrangements for the provision and phasing of a financial contribution of £21,600 to be made to the Education Service of Falkirk Council to mitigate development impacts on education capacity in the catchment area of the application site and £129,280 to mitigate the loss of open space in the vicinity of the application site.
- (2) Unless otherwise agreed in writing with Falkirk Council as Planning Authority, prior to the commencement of development details shall be provided of proposed open space improvements to the west of the site. Development shall not commence until approval of these details including for amendment as required.
- (3) Development shall not commence until a period of 28 days notice of work starting on site has been provided to the Falkirk Community Trust Keeper of Archaeology.
- (4) Development shall not commence until the following details of measures to protect trees on the site and provide additional planting and boundary enclosures have been submitted for the approval, including amendment as required, of the Planning Authority:
  - (i) Details of all limbing and tree surgery proposals for all tree works demonstrating compliance with current British Standards;
  - (ii) A method statement for all areas where trenching for services is required within tree root protection areas and for vehicular access to the approved SUDs drainage pond and the construction of this access; and
  - (iii) Details of all fence types and boundary treatments.

- (5) Development shall not commence until the temporary protection fencing detailed on the approved Tree Protection Plan has been erected on site. Protective fencing shall remain on site until the completion of all construction and engineering works.
- (6) No level changes, material storage, machinery access, fires or trenching (other than as detailed on the approved landscape plan) shall be located within the Root Protection Area detailed on the approved landscape plan.
- (7) Access to the Root Protection Area as detailed on the approved landscape plan shall only be for construction of the access track to the SUDs drainage pond and for trenching for drainage pipes at the positions shown on the approved landscape plan and shall be undertaken fully in accordance with the method statement required by condition (4) above.
- (8) No trees shall be removed or limbed other than as detailed on the approved landscape plan unless otherwise agreed in writing with the Planning Authority.
- (9) Acoustic glazing with a specification of 6/12/6 or equivalent shall be used in approved fenestration to achieve internal noise levels of 45dB daytime and 35dB night time when measured as LAqT.

Reason(s):-

- (1) To ensure education capacity is unaffected and open space loss is mitigated.
- (2) To provide acceptable mitigation of open space loss.
- (3) To allow for the opportunity to carry out archaeological survey of the site.
- (4-8) To ensure the protection of existing trees to be retained on site.
- (9) To protect residents from transportation noise.

Informative(s):-

- (1) In accordance with section 58(1) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 (as amended), this permission lapses on the expiration of a period of 3 years beginning with the date on which this permission is granted unless the development to which the permission relates is begun before that expiration.
- (2) For the avoidance of doubt, the plan(s) to which the decision refer(s) bear the online reference number(s) 01, 02, 03, 04A and 05-25.

Councillor Alexander left and re-entered the meeting during consideration of the following item of business but took no part in it.

**P216. REMOVAL OF CONDITION ATTACHED TO HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES CONSENT P/10/0582/HAZ TO ALLOW STORAGE OF ETHANOL IN WAREHOUSES M, N AND S, INCREASING THE OVERALL MAXIMUM STORAGE QUANTITY TO 41,000 TONNES AT STORAGE UK, GRANGE LANE, GRANGEMOUTH FK3 8EG FOR DIAGEO (SCOTLAND) LTD - P/12/0597/HAZ**

With reference to Minute of Meeting of the Planning Committee held on 27 February 2013 (Paragraph P206 refers), Committee gave further consideration to Report (circulated) dated 19 February 2013 by the Director of Development Services on an application for hazardous substances consent for the variation of the terms of hazardous substances consent P/10/0582/HAZ to increase the amount of ethanol stored from 25,000 tonnes to 41,000 tonnes and to permit ethanol to be stored within other parts of the warehouse premises at the site of Storage UK, to the north west of Grangemouth Town Centre at the junction of Grange Lane and South Bridge Street, Grangemouth.

**AGREED** to **GRANT** hazardous substances consent, subject to the following condition:-

- (1) The hazardous substances shall not be kept or used other than in accordance with the particulars provided on the application form, nor outside the areas marked for storage of the substances on the plan which formed part of the application. The storage areas are those shown on the 'ROSSCO properties' untitled/undated plan as included in the consent application which shows locations A through to S.

Reason:-

- (1) To ensure the safe keeping of the substances at all times.

Informative:-

- (1) Please note, the substances covered by the existing consent (reference P/10/0582/HAZ) and that covered by this application (reference P/0597/HAZ) is category B6, which in the case of the existing/proposed activities at this site restricts the substance to ethanol/water mixtures at less than 70% ethanol by volume as confirmed by the applicant (email from the applicant to the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) dated 12/11/12).

Note: The Committee agreed that officers write to the Scottish Ministers asking that a national investigation be undertaken into the effects of black mould on premises in the vicinity of bonded warehouses.

The Committee **AGREED** to hear the following two items together as they related to the similar facilities and by the same applicant and in accordance with Standing Order 33.3 the Committee agreed to suspend Standing Orders to allow a representative from the applicant for both applications, who was present as an observer at the meeting, to respond to Members questions.

**P217. ERECTION OF RECYCLING BUILDING AT KINNEIL KERSE RECYCLING CENTRE, GRANGEMOUTH ROAD, BO'NESS EH51 0PU FOR FALKIRK COUNCIL – P/12/0830/FUL**

With reference to Minute of Meeting of the Planning Committee held on 27 February 2013 (Paragraph P207 refers), Committee gave further consideration to Report (circulated) dated 19 February 2013 by the Director of Development Services and an additional Report (circulated) dated 4 March 2013 by the said Director on an application for full planning permission for the erection of a recycling building at Kinneil Recycling Centre, Grangemouth Road, Bo'ness.

**AGREED to GRANT** planning permission, subject to the following conditions:-

- (1) There shall be no commencement of work on site until such time as details of the exterior colour(s) of the proposed development has been submitted to, and approved in writing by, the Planning Authority.
- (2)
  - (i) No development shall commence on site unless otherwise agreed with the Planning Authority until a contaminated land assessment has been submitted and approved. The assessment must determine the nature and extent of any contamination on the site, including contamination that may have originated from elsewhere. Any potential risks to human health, property, the water environment and designated ecological sites should be determined. The contaminated land assessment must be approved in writing by the Planning Authority.
  - (ii) Where contamination (as defined by Part IIA of the Environmental Protection Act 1990) is encountered, a detailed remediation strategy should be submitted to the Planning Authority demonstrating that the site will be made suitable for its intended use by removing any unacceptable risks, caused by the contamination. The scheme must be approved in writing by the Planning Authority.
  - (iii) Prior to the commencement of development of the site, the remediation works must be carried out in accordance with the terms and conditions of the remediation scheme, and as agreed by the Planning Authority. No part of the development shall be occupied until a remediation completion report/validation certificate endorsed by the relevant parties have been submitted to and agreed in writing by the Planning Authority.
  - (iv) If unexpected contamination is found after development has begun, development of the affected part of the site must stop. The developer must notify the Planning Authority immediately and carry out a contaminated land assessment, and undertake any necessary remediation works, before development of the affected part of the site may continue.
- (3) The development shall not commence on site until such time as a detailed drainage scheme has been approved in writing by the Planning Authority, the scheme to include the treatment of surface water runoff by Sustainable Urban Drainage (SUDS) methods.

## Reason(s):-

- (1) To safeguard the visual amenity of the area.
- (2) To ensure the ground is suitable for the proposed development.
- (3) To ensure adequate drainage.

## Informative(s):-

- (1) In accordance with section 58(1) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 (as amended), the permission lapses on the expiration of a period of three years beginning with the date on which the permission is granted unless the development to which this permission relates is begun before that expiration.
- (2) For the avoidance of doubt, the plan(s) to which the decision refer(s) bear the online reference number 01.

**P218. ERECTION OF RECYCLING BUILDING AND FORMATION OF CONCRETE HARDSTANDING AT ROUGHMUTE REFUSE TRANSFER STATION, BONNYBRIDGE FOR FALKIRK COUNCIL - P/12/0831/FUL**

With reference to Minute of Meeting of the Planning Committee held on 27 February 2013 (Paragraph P208 refers), Committee gave further consideration to Report (circulated) dated 19 February 2013 by the Director of Development Services and an additional Report (circulated) dated 4 March 2013 by the said Director on an application for full planning permission for the erection of a recycling building and the formation of a concrete hardstanding at Roughmute Refuse Transfer Station, Bonnybridge.

**AGREED to GRANT** planning permission, subject to the following conditions:-

- (1) There shall be no commencement of work on site until such time as details of the exterior colour(s) of the proposed development has been submitted to, and approved in writing by, the Planning Authority.
- (2) Notwithstanding details previously submitted, the proposed development shall not commence on site until such time as a detailed drainage scheme has been approved in writing by the planning authority, details to include treatment of surface water runoff by Sustainable Urban Drainage (SUDS) methods.

## Reason(s):-

- (1) To safeguard the visual amenity of the area.
- (2) To ensure adequate drainage.

## Informative(s):-

- (1) In accordance with section 58(1) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 (as amended), the permission lapses on the expiration of a period of three years beginning with the date on which the permission is granted unless the development to which the permission relates is begun before that expiration.
- (2) For the avoidance of doubt, the plan(s) to which the decision refer(s) bear the online reference number(s) 01A and 02.
- (3) If at any time during the course of the development contamination, as defined in the Part 11A of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 is encountered, the applicant should contact the Council's Environmental Protection Unit.

# FALKIRK COUNCIL

**MINUTE of MEETING of the CIVIC LICENSING COMMITTEE held in the MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, FALKIRK on WEDNESDAY 13 MARCH 2013 at 9.30 A.M.**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Blackwood, Buchanan, D Goldie, Hughes, McLuckie, Nicol, Ritchie and Turner.

**CONVENER:** Councillor Nicol.

**ATTENDING:** Chief Governance Officer; Licensing Co-ordinator; Senior Solicitor (F Kobiela); and Committee Officer (A Sobieraj).

## CL110. APOLOGIES

Apologies were intimated on behalf of Provost Reid and Councillor McNally.

## CL111. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations were made.

## CL112. MINUTE

There was submitted and **APPROVED** Minute of Meeting of the Civic Licensing Committee held on 14 February 2013.

## CL113. LIST OF APPLICATIONS GRANTED UNDER DELEGATED POWERS AND NOTIFICATIONS OF PUBLIC PROCESSIONS RECEIVED IN JANUARY 2013

There was submitted Report (circulated) dated 5 March 2013 by the Chief Governance Officer detailing (a) applications granted under delegated powers between 1 and 31 January 2013 in terms of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 and the Marriage (Approval of Places) (Scotland) Regulations 2002; and (b) notifications of public processions received during the same period.

## CL114. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC

**RESOLVED** in terms of Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, to exclude from the meeting the press and public for the following items of business on the ground that they would involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 3 & 6 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A to the said Act.

**CL115. CIVIC LICENSING ENFORCEMENT - JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2013**

There was submitted Report (circulated) dated 7 March 2013 by the Chief Governance Officer giving an overview of enforcement action taken with regard to Civic Licensing activities during January and February 2013.

**NOTED.**

Not having been in attendance at the previous meeting of Committee, Councillors Ritchie and Buchanan took no part in the following item of business. Councillor Ritchie left the meeting for the duration of the item, returning at the commencement of item CL117.

**CL116. APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A NEW PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER LICENCE**

The applicant, Mr B, entered the meeting.

With reference to Minute of Meeting of the Civic Licensing Committee held on 14 February 2013 (Paragraph CL104 refers), there was submitted Report (circulated) dated 5 March 2013 by the Chief Governance Officer on an application for the grant of a new private hire car driver licence (a) advising of the background to the application; (b) detailing the consultations undertaken and the responses received, and (c) attaching as an appendix, a copy of a Report submitted to the Civic Licensing Committee on 14 February 2013. The application had been continued on 14 February 2013 to a future meeting to obtain clarification about the applicant's hearing from the General Practitioner who had undertaken the medical examination.

Mr B spoke in support of the application.

Questions were then asked by Members of the Committee.

**AGREED to GRANT** the licence for a period of one year subject to the standard conditions.

Councillor Hughes entered the meeting prior to consideration of the following item of business.

**CL117. APPLICATION FOR THE RENEWAL OF A TAXI DRIVER LICENCE**

The applicant, Mr G, entered the meeting.

There was submitted Report (circulated) dated 5 March 2013 by the Chief Governance Officer on an application for the renewal of a taxi driver licence (a) advising of the background to the application; (b) detailing the consultations undertaken and the responses received, and (c) detailing the applicant's record.



Mr G spoke in support of the application and submitted a letter from his General Practitioner providing details of a previous medical condition which had affected his driving over the period covering the driving convictions on 7 July 2011 and 26 March 2012. The letter was circulated among the Committee Members.

Questions were then asked by Members of the Committee.

**AGREED** to **RENEW** the licence for a period of one year subject to the standard conditions.

#### **CL118. APPLICATION FOR THE RENEWAL OF A TAXI DRIVER LICENCE**

The applicant, Mr McC, a colleague and taxi driver, Mr McK, Inspector P Rollo and PC S Leishman, Central Scotland Police, all entered the meeting.

There was submitted Report (circulated) dated 5 March 2013 by the Chief Governance Officer on an application for the renewal of a taxi driver licence (a) advising of the background to the application; (b) detailing the consultations undertaken and the responses received, and (c) detailing the applicant's record.

The applicant, Mr McC, advised that he had no preliminary points to make on the competency of the objection submitted by Central Scotland Police, following which the letter of objection was circulated.

Inspector P Rollo then spoke in amplification of the objection.

Questions were asked of Inspector Rollo by Members of the Committee. The applicant stated that he had no questions for Inspector Rollo.

Mr McK, on behalf of the applicant, Mr McC, was then heard in relation to the objection and to the application. The applicant, Mr McC, provided additional points of clarification.

Questions were asked of the applicant by Members of the Committee and the representative from Central Scotland Police.

**AGREED** to **CONTINUE** consideration of the application to the June meeting of the Committee to enable the applicant to seek professional medical advice for his condition.

#### **CL119. APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A NEW TAXI DRIVER LICENCE**

The applicant, Mr C, Inspector P Rollo and PC S Leishman, Central Scotland Police, all entered the meeting.

With reference to Minutes of Meetings of the Civic Licensing Committee held on 23 February and 5 September 2012 (Paragraphs CL83 and CL49 refer), there was submitted Report (circulated) dated 5 March 2013 by the Chief Governance Officer on an application for the grant of a new taxi driver licence (a) advising of the background to the application; (b) detailing the consultations undertaken and the responses received; (c) detailing the applicant's record, and (d) attaching as appendices, copies of Reports submitted to the Civic Licensing Committee on 23 February and 5 September 2012. The application had been continued to a future meeting (i) on 23 February 2012 pending the outcome of the court proceedings; and (ii) on 5 September 2012 in accordance with the Sheriff's extension of time until 31 December 2012.

The applicant, Mr C, advised that he had no preliminary points to make on the competency of the objection submitted by Central Scotland Police, following which the letter of objection was circulated.

Inspector P Rollo then spoke in amplification of the objection.

Questions were asked of Inspector Rollo by Members of the Committee. The applicant stated that he had no questions for Inspector Rollo.

Mr C was then heard in relation to the objection and to his application.

Questions were asked of the applicant by Members of the Committee and the representative from Central Scotland Police.

**AGREED** that a short adjournment take place to enable the Committee to consider the submissions.

The applicant, Mr C, Inspector P Rollo and PC S Leishman, left and were then recalled to the meeting.

Councillor D Goldie, seconded by Councillor Nicol, moved that the application be refused in terms of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982, Schedule 1 paragraph 5(3) (a) (ii) on the ground that the applicant was not a fit and proper person to be the holder of such a licence.

By way of an amendment, Councillor Buchanan, seconded by Councillor Turner, moved that the application be approved for the standard period of one year and that any subsequent application for a renewal of the licence should be referred to Committee for determination.

On a division, 5 Members voted for the motion and 3 voted for the amendment.

Accordingly, **AGREED** to **REFUSE** the application for a taxi driver licence in terms of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982, Schedule 1 paragraph 5(3) (a) (ii) on the ground that the applicant was not a fit and proper person to be the holder of such a licence.

DRAFT**FALKIRK COUNCIL**

**MINUTE of MEETING of the PLANNING REVIEW COMMITTEE held in the MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, FALKIRK on THURSDAY 14 MARCH 2013 at 2.00 P.M.**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Buchanan, Chalmers and McLuckie.

**CONVENER:** Councillor Buchanan.

**ATTENDING:** Team Leader, Legal Services (D Blyth); Development Management Co-ordinator (D Campbell) (Item PRC27 only); Senior Planning Officer (A Finlayson) (Item PRC26 only); Network Co-ordinator (R Steedman), and Committee Services Officer (S Barton).

**PRC22. APOLOGIES**

No apologies were intimated.

**PRC23. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations made.

**PRC24. MINUTE**

There was submitted (circulated) and **APPROVED** Minute of Meeting of the Planning Review Committee held on 1 February 2013.

**PRC25. OPENING REMARKS**

The Convener welcomed everyone in attendance to this meeting of the Planning Review Committee and following a short introduction asked Mr Blyth, Team Leader, Legal Services to provide a summary of the procedure to be followed at the Committee.

**PRC26. APPLICATION FOR REVIEW – PLANNING APPLICATION P/12/0033/FUL, DEMOLITION OF A SINGLE STOREY EXTENSION, CONSTRUCTION OF A SINGLE STOREY EXTENSION AND CHANGE OF USE FROM DWELLINGHOUSE TO CHILDREN'S NURSERY AT ROUGH HAUGH FARM, SUNNYSIDE ROAD, BRIGHTONS**

There were submitted documents (circulated) in relation to the Application for Review submitted by Westquarter & Redding Cricket Club for the demolition of a single storey extension, construction of a single storey extension and change of use from a dwellinghouse to a children's nursery at Rough Haugh Farm, Sunnyside Road, Brightons.

The Committee heard a short presentation from Mr Finlayson, who referred to the application, the papers before the Committee, referring to the Report of Handling and the reasons for refusal of the application now being reviewed.

After discussion and having heard advice from Mr Blyth the Committee **AGREED:-**

- (1) that they did not have sufficient information to allow them to make a determination, therefore the matter be continued to a future meeting of the Committee on a date to be agreed, and
- (2) to conduct an accompanied inspection of the site in question on a date to be agreed.

**PRC27. APPLICATION FOR REVIEW – PLANNING APPLICATION  
P/12/0606/FUL, EXTENSION TO DWELLINGHOUSE AT 40 GLASGOW  
ROAD, DENNYLOANHEAD**

There were submitted documents (circulated) in relation to the Application for Review submitted by Mr Michael Sweeney for the extension to a dwellinghouse at 40 Glasgow Road, Dennyloanhead.

The Committee heard a short presentation from Mr Campbell, who provided a summary of the application, the papers before the Committee, referring to the Report of Handling and the reasons for refusal of the application now being reviewed.

After discussion, and having heard advice from Mr Blyth, the Committee **AGREED:-**

- (1) that they did not have sufficient information to allow them to make a determination, therefore the matter be continued to a future meeting of the Committee on a date to be agreed, and
- (2) to conduct an unaccompanied inspection of the site in question on a date to be agreed.

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**MINUTE of SPECIAL MEETING of the ENVIRONMENT AND COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE held in the MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, FALKIRK on TUESDAY 19 MARCH 2013 at 9.30 am.**

**PRESENT:** Councillor Alexander, Blackwood, Jackson, Mahoney, Dr CR Martin, McNally, Nicol, Oliver, Paterson and Turner.

**CONVENER:** Councillor Dr CR Martin.

**ATTENDING:** Director of Development Services; Depute Chief Governance Officer; Community Planning Manager; Consumer Protection Manager; Waste Strategy Co-ordinator (R Baird); Interim Legal Services Manager (RM Hoey) and Committee Services Officer (H Forster).

**ALSO**

**ATTENDING:** Chief Superintendant D Flynn, Central Scotland Police; Chief Inspector A Waddell, Central Scotland Police; Local Senior Officer (G Laing), Central Scotland Fire and Rescue and R Kerr, Falkirk Taxi Forum.

### **ECS30. APOLOGIES**

An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor G Goldie.

### **ECS31. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations were made.

### **ECS32. POLICE AND FIRE REFORM – LOCAL PLANS**

There was submitted Report (circulated) dated 28 February 2013 by the Chief Executive (a) summarising the progress of Police and Fire Reform; and (b) enclosing as appendices the draft Local Policing Plan and the draft Local Fire and Rescue Plan for the Falkirk Council area, and (c) highlighting the key areas specified in the Local Policing and Fire and Rescue Plan,

Chief Superintendent Flynn advised Members of the key responsibilities and priorities outlined in the draft Local Policing Plan and Local Service Officer Gary Laing outlined the key priorities in the draft Fire and Rescue Plan.

Discussion took place in respect of the following issues:-

- progress in respect of work being carried out at Denny Police Office
- flexibility of use of manpower resources in respect of the 14 police areas in Scotland
- reducing anti-social behaviour in the Denny area

- number of hoax and malicious calls to the fire service
- community involvement in the development of station plans in respect of the fire service
- link between the abuse of alcohol and anti-social behaviour
- emphasis on community policing

**NOTED** the 'Collaborative Statement of Good Scrutiny and Engagement' attached as Appendix 3 to the Report.

**AGREED:-**

- (1) the local policing plan for the Falkirk Council area, attached as Appendix 1 to the Report, and
- (2) the local fire and rescue plan for the Falkirk Council area, attached as Appendix 2 to the Report.

### **ECS33. AIR WEAPONS CONSULTATION REPORT**

There was submitted Report (circulated) dated 22 February 2013 by the Director of Corporate and Neighbourhood Services (a) highlighting the Scottish Government Consultation on the regulation of area weapons; (b) detailing the main topics covered in the consultation proposals, and (c) enclosing, as an appendix, the proposed response to the consultation document.

Discussion took place in respect of the following issues:-

- the need for persons to have airguns in a home environment

**AGREED** the Council's response to the Consultation on the Proposals for Licensing of Air Weapons in Scotland, attached as an Appendix to the Report.

### **ECS34. REVIEW OF THE TAXI/ PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE LICENSING ARRANGEMENTS**

There was submitted Report (circulated) dated 7 March 2013 by the Chief Governance Officer (a) advising of the taxi review which had been undertaken and the outstanding issues to be considered; (b) detailing the key outstanding issues, namely, taxi numbers, licence conditions, vehicle types, drivers' standards and advertising, and (c) enclosing as an appendix, the Council's licensing conditions for taxis, private hire cars, taxi drivers and private hire car drivers.

In accordance with Standing Order 33.3, the Committee agreed to suspend standing orders to allow a representative from the Falkirk Taxi Forum who was present at the meeting to address the meeting.