FALKIRK COUNCIL

Subject:ANNUAL ACCOUNTS 2012/13Meeting:FALKIRK COUNCILDate:26 June 2013Author:CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 In terms of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 and the Local Authority Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 1985, Members are required to receive formal submission of the Unaudited Annual Accounts of the Council for the financial year ended 31 March 2013.

2. 2012/13 ACCOUNTS

2.1 Officers have been working on preparing the Unaudited Accounts for the past few months and the closure of accounts process is proceeding in accordance with the project plan to allow them to be lodged with the Controller of Audit by the due date of 30 June. The Unaudited Accounts will be posted on the Council's website from 2 July 2013. It is anticipated that the statutory three week public inspection period will commence on 22 July following public notice. The audit stage will commence formally at the beginning of July and is due to be completed by the end of September. Members should also note that following the wind up of Central Scotland Joint Fire & Rescue Board, similar procedures have now been put in place for submission of the Board's Unaudited Accounts to 31 March 2013.

3. **RECOMMENDATION**

3.1 That Members approve the submission of the Unaudited Annual Accounts to the Controller of Audit by the statutory deadline of 30 June 2013.

Chief Finance Officer Date: 6 June 2013 Contact Officer: John Flannigan

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. 2012/13 Unaudited Annual Report and Accounts

Any person wishing to inspect the above background papers should telephone Falkirk (01324) 506371 and ask for Mr J Flannigan.