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Agenda Item 8

Standing Orders

Falkirk Council

Title: Standing Orders
Meeting: Falkirk Council
Date: 4 December 2019
Submitted By: Director of Corporate and Housing Services

1. Introduction

- 1.1 This report presents revised Standing Orders, as an appendix, to give effect to the changes agreed by Council at its meeting on 25 September 2019. The report also invites Council to consider the size of its committees and their political balance which was continued from the previous meeting and whether a member submitting a motion which stands referred must be present for it to be considered.

2. Recommendations

2.1 It is recommended that Council:-

- (1) approves the revised Standing Orders appended to the report;**
- (2) considers the size of its committees and their political balance in light of the increase in the number of independents, and**
- (3) considers whether the member submitting a motion which stands referred must be present in order for that motion to be considered.**

3. Background

- 3.1 On 25 September 2019 Council agreed a number of revisions to its Standing Orders which included the list of Corporate Plans, establishment of working groups, portfolio holder attendance at Scrutiny Committees, twinning arrangement and friendship pacts and timing of motions. These changes are given effect in the revised Standing Orders which are appended.

Council agreed to continue consideration of the political balance of committees in light of the increase in the number of Independents and requested presentation of a proposal that a member who submits a motion must be present at a meeting in order for it to be considered.

4. Considerations

The Size of Committees and Political Balance

- 4.1 In 2017, the size of the Council reduced from 32 to 30 members but the size of its Committees remained the same. In itself, this created an additional demand on Members to populate Committees. This was exacerbated in 2018 by the decision of Council to restrict membership of the Executives and the Scrutiny Committees to Members of Groups. This reduced the pool for populating those Committees by two. The number of group members has further reduced as a result of the position of Councillors Kerr and McLuckie which has now applied for more than a year.
- 4.2 It is open to the Council to reduce the size of its Committees and/or to consider rebalancing the membership of its Committees to reflect the position of the Council as a whole i.e. to include Independent Members. The Chief Governance Officer recommends that the Council gives consideration at this point to both issues.
- 4.3 To assist the following table has been provided showing the proportionality for each grouping on bodies of various size:-

Number of Places	SNP		Labour		Conservative		Independent	
	May 2017	Sep 2019	May 2017	Sep 2019	May 2017	Sep 2019	May 2017	Sep 2019
12	4.8	4.8	3.6	3.2	2.8	2.4	0.8	1.6
11	4.4	4.4	3.3	2.9	2.6	2.2	0.7	1.5
10	4	4	3	2.7	2.3	2	0.7	1.3
9	3.6	3.6	2.7	2.4	2.1	1.8	0.6	1.2
8	3.2	3.2	2.4	2.1	1.9	1.6	0.5	1.1
7	2.8	2.8	2.1	1.9	1.6	1.4	0.5	0.9
6	2.4	2.4	1.8	1.6	1.4	1.2	0.4	0.8
5	2	2	1.5	1.3	1.2	1	0.3	0.7
4	1.6	1.6	1.2	1.1	0.9	0.8	0.3	0.5
3	1.2	1.2	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.2	0.4

(Note – The Executives and Scrutiny Committees are balanced as follows:-

**Executives – SNP – 5, Labour – 4, Conservative – 3,
Scrutiny Committees – SNP – 3, Labour – 3, Conservative – 2)**

- 4.4 This allows Council to see the consequences of making one or both of those changes. For ease of reference, rebalancing the Executive in its current size would produce the following outcome:-

SNP – 5
Labour – 3
Conservative – 2
Independent – 2

If it was reduced to 10 on the current balance, the following would be the outcome:-

SNP – 4
Labour – 3
Conservative – 2
(Note – this would require one additional place to be allocated by Council to one of the groups)

If it was reduced to 10 but rebalanced to include Independents, the following would be the outcome:-

SNP – 4
Labour – 3
Conservative – 2
Independent – 1

It can be seen from this that there are a range of options open to the Council.

Consideration of Motions

- 4.5 Council agreed to consider further a proposal that a member who submits a motion which is referred to an Executive must be present at that meeting in order for it to be considered.
- 4.6 Should Council be minded to agree this provision it may also wish to give consideration, in advance of detailed drafting being submitted to the next meeting, of the following points:-
- Where the submitting member is not present does the motion fall immediately regardless of the circumstances or would it automatically continue to the next meeting.
 - Should the committee have discretion to continue the motion to the

- next meeting where the submitting member fails to appear but has given advance notice of this.
- If provided for on how many occasions would continuation of a motion be allowed.

Planning Process

- 4.7 Council noted that further recommendations on the review of the planning process may give rise to further recommendations and these were anticipated for reporting to this meeting. The review of the planning process is ongoing and any recommendations arising from this will be reported to Council at the appropriate time.

5. Consultation

- 5.1 No formal consultation has taken place.

6. Implications

Financial

- 6.1 There are no financial implications.

Resources

- 6.2 There are no resource implications.

Legal

- 6.3 There are no legal implications.

Risk

- 6.4 No risks have been identified from the proposals in the report.

Equalities

- 6.5 No equalities issues arise from the proposals in the report.

Sustainability/Environmental Impact

- 6.6 There are no sustainability issues arising from the report.

7. Conclusion

Revised Standing Orders implementing the decision of Council taken at its meeting of 25 September 2019 are provided for approval. Council is also invited to reach decisions on the size of committees including political balance and a requirement that for a motion which stands referred to be considered the submitting member must be present.

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List of Background Papers:

No papers were relied on in the preparation of this report in terms of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

Appendices

Appendix 1 – Table of Changes to the Standing Orders
Appendix 2 – Extract Standing Orders with Track Changes

Appendix 1

Standing Order Reference	Nature of Change	Reason
2.1 Definitions	Corporate Plans Definition removed.	Revisions to section 47.1(3) provide the full list of Plans and supersedes this definition.
29.7 Motions – General	Revision that motions are submitted to the next 'ordinary' meeting.	Fulfil the decision of Council at its meeting on 25 September 2019.
31.1 Motions That Stand Referred	Revision that motions are referred to the next available 'ordinary' meeting.	Fulfil the decision of Council at its meeting on 25 September 2019.
37.7 Committees	Insertion of requirement that Boards, Working Groups or similar bodies have publicly available Terms of Reference and Membership information.	Fulfil the decision of Council at its meeting on 25 September 2019.
47.1(1) Arrangements for the Discharge of Council Business	Insertion of approval of twinning, friendship pacts and other like arrangements.	Fulfil the decision of Council at its meeting on 25 September 2019.
47.1(2) Finance and Budgets	Insertion of the Capital Strategy.	Fulfil the decision of Council at its meeting on 25 September 2019.
47.1(2) Finance and Budgets	Insertion of the Treasury Management Strategy.	Fulfil the decision of Council at its meeting on 25 September 2019.
47.1(3) Corporate Plans	Insertion of the Five Year Business Plan.	Fulfil the decision of Council at its meeting on 25 September 2019.
47.1(3) Corporate Plans	Insertion of the Integrated Children's Services Plan.	Fulfil the decision of Council at its meeting on 25 September 2019.
47.1(3) Corporate Plans	Insertion of the Integration Scheme for Health & Social Care.	Fulfil the decision of Council at its meeting on 25 September 2019.
47.1(3) Corporate Plans	Insertion of the Integration Joint Board's Strategic Plan.	Fulfil the decision of Council at its meeting on 25 September 2019.
47.1(3) Corporate Plans	Reordering of the list to move the general provision to the end.	Small edit to make the section read more easily.
50.1 Composition of the Scrutiny Committee	Insertion of provision allowing Portfolio Holders to attend and address committee.	Fulfil the decision of Council at its meeting on 25 September 2019.
50.5 Composition of the Scrutiny Committee (External)	Insertion of provision allowing Portfolio Holders to attend and address committee.	Fulfil the decision of Council at its meeting on 25 September 2019.

FALKIRK COUNCIL

STANDING ORDERS

The Standing Orders of the Council consist of the Standing Orders Relating to Meetings and the Scheme of Delegation to Committees and Officers.

The Standing Orders apply and have effect from 8 May 2019 subject to such amendments as may from time to time be made by Council.

STANDING ORDERS

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STANDING ORDERS RELATING TO MEETINGS

SECTION 1

PRELIMINARY MATTERS

1. APPLICATION OF INTERPRETATION ACT 1978

- 1.1 The Interpretation Act 1978 will apply to the interpretation of these Standing Orders as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

2. DEFINITIONS

- 2.1 In the Standing Orders, unless the context otherwise demands, the following terms will have the undernoted meanings:-

Term	Meaning
The 1973 Act	The Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973
The 1989 Act	The Local Government and Housing Act 1989
The 1992 Act	The Local Government Finance Act 1992
The 1994 Act	The Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994
Administration	The group or groups of councillors (including any individual councillor or councillors not part of any group) which the Leader of the Council has given written notice to the Chief Executive forms the Administration subject to the proviso that the notice will be signed by the leaders of all groups and by all councillors not part of any group, forming the Administration.
Budget	The budgets approved by Council each year consisting of the Revenue Budget, the General Services Capital Programme, the Housing Revenue Account and Council House Rents and the Housing Investment Programme.
Chief Officer	The Chief Executive, the Directors of Services, the Chief Officer of the Integration Joint Board and other officers holding posts recognised by the Council as having chief officer status including Heads of Service.

Clear days	When referring to service of Notices, the term “clear days” refers to weekdays, excluding weekends, Bank Holidays, local or national holidays, the day the Notice is posted and the day on which the meeting is held.
Clerk	The person attending a meeting to act as clerk to the Council, or any of its committees.
Committee	A committee of the Council.
Community Planning Partnership	The partnership of public bodies within the council area maintained by the Council in pursuance of Part 2 of the Local Government in Scotland Act 2003.
Convener	The person presiding at a committee duly appointed by the Council or by that committee where these Standing Orders so provide.
The Council	Falkirk Council constituted by virtue of and incorporated under the 1994 Act.
Councillor	A member of the Council duly elected at an election or by-election, and who has made and delivered to the Proper Officer of the Council a Declaration of Acceptance of Office in accordance with section 33A of the 1973 Act.
Corporate Plans	The Strategic Community Plan, the Corporate Plan and the Local Development Plan.
Depute Convener	The person presiding at a committee in the absence of the convener, duly appointed by the Council or by that committee where these Standing Orders so provide.
The Depute Provost	The Depute Convener of the Council duly appointed as such by a full meeting of the Council in terms of section 4(2) of the 1994 Act.
Falkirk Community Trust	A charitable company established to provide cultural, leisure, sport, recreational and library services for the Falkirk Council area.
Head of Paid Service	The person designated as such by the Council under section 4 of the 1989 Act. In Falkirk Council, that person is the Chief Executive.

Integration Joint Board	The body established under the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014 to deliver health and social care services.
Joint Board	The Central Scotland Valuation Joint Board
Leader of the Council	The councillor designated as Leader for the purposes of the Local Governance (Scotland) Act 2004 (Remuneration) Regulations 2007.
Leader of the Opposition	The Leader of the largest Opposition Group on the Council.
Main Opposition Groups	The political groups represented on the Council which do not form part of the Administration and whose members constitute at least 10% of the Council.
Monitoring Officer	The person designated as such by the Council under section 5 of the 1989 Act or, if that person is unable to act owing to absence or illness, the person nominated by them as their deputy under sub-section (7) of that section. In Falkirk Council, the Monitoring Officer is the Chief Governance Officer.
Opposition	Those Councillors who are not members of the administration.
Portfolio Holder	A councillor appointed by the Leader of the Council to perform the role set out in the schedule to the Scheme of Delegation to committees.
Proper Officer	The persons designated as such by the Council to undertake specific duties, as detailed in a list kept for public inspection within the head office of the Council which is situated at Municipal Buildings, Falkirk.
The Provost	The convener of the Council duly appointed as such by a full meeting of the Council in terms of section 4(1) of the 1994 Act.
Regulatory Committees	The Planning Committee, the Planning Review Committee, the Civic Licensing Committee and any other committee established by the Council to discharge any other similar regulatory function.
Substitute	A member nominated by the appointed member to represent them.

29. MOTIONS - GENERAL

- 29.1 Every notice of motion must be in writing, signed by the councillor giving the notice. Every motion must be relevant to some matter in relation to which the Council has powers or duties or which affects the area of the Council.
- 29.2 Notices of motion must be delivered to the Chief Governance Officer at their office not later than 12 noon at least nine clear days before the date of the next meeting of the Council. Motions of which notice has been received after that time will neither appear on the agenda nor be moved at the meeting unless the Provost decides, in terms of section 50B(4)(b) of the 1973 Act, that the matter is one of urgency.
- 29.3 The motion may be delivered by hand, post or e-mail. Motions delivered by email will be treated as being signed if they are sent from a councillor's email ending "@falkirk.gov.uk".
- 29.4 The Chief Governance Officer has power to refuse to accept any notice of motion which, by reason of any enactment, or other rule of law, or any provision in these Standing Orders, could not be considered at the meeting for which it is given. In the event of such power being exercised, the Chief Governance Officer will give written reasons to the member submitting the motion within five clear days following delivery of the notice of motion in terms of Standing Order 29.2 above.
- 29.5 If the Chief Governance Officer has any doubts about any motion for reasons of propriety, they may refer it to the Provost.
- 29.6 If the Provost considers the motion to be vexatious, irrelevant or otherwise improper, the Chief Governance Officer will return it to the member who submitted it by noon of the third clear day after submission and will explain to the member in writing why it will not be included on the agenda. The motion will only be included on the agenda if it is resubmitted by noon on the third clear day before the date of the next meeting of the Council and is signed by at least one quarter of the members of the Council.
- 29.7 All motions considered valid by the Chief Governance Officer, and of which notice has been duly given, will be included in the agenda for the next ordinary meeting in the order in which they were received by the Chief Governance Officer.
- 29.8 If more than one such motion, in the opinion of the Chief Governance Officer, having consulted with the Provost, deals with the same subject matter, only the motion first lodged will be considered.
- 29.9 If a motion, notice of which is specified in the agenda, is not moved either by the councillor who has given the notice or by some other councillor on their behalf when it arises on the agenda, it will, unless postponed by leave of the meeting, be considered as dropped and may not be moved without fresh notice.

29.10 At the meeting, the Provost will, if need be, give a ruling as to whether the motion is relevant and/or competent.

31. MOTIONS THAT STAND REFERRED

31.1 Motions submitted to Council that refer to matters within the remit of the Executive or Education, Children and Young People Executive will stand referred to the next available ordinary meeting of the Executive or Education, Children and Young People Executive, as the case may be, and there shall be no discussion on them at the Council meeting unless:-

- (i) special circumstances exist which, in the opinion of the Provost, having consulted with the councillor who submitted the motion, the Council Leader and the Leaders of the Main Opposition Groups, requires an exception to be made to the general rule, or
- (ii) two thirds of the members present at the meeting vote in favour of the matter being discussed

31.2 Where a motion to Council stands referred to the Executive or the Education, Children and Young People Executive, the councillor who submitted the motion, if they are not a member of the Executive or the Education, Children and Young People Executive, will be entitled to attend the Executive or the Education, Children and Young People Executive meeting at which the motion is to be considered and to be heard on it before it is considered or debated for a period not exceeding five minutes.

31.3 Not used.

SECTION 4

CONSTITUTION, MEETINGS AND PROCEEDINGS OF COMMITTEES

37. COMMITTEES

37.1 The number of members on each committee and the quorum for each will be as set out below:-

Committee	Membership	Quorum
Executive	12	4
Education, Children and Young People Executive	12 plus 3 representatives of denominational bodies as required by section 124 of the 1973 Act; 2 non-voting teachers nominated from the serving staff of schools, 2 non-voting parental representatives nominated by the Parents' Forum and 2 non-voting young people to be appointed by such process as approved by the Education, Children and Young People Executive and 1 non-voting care experienced young person.	4 elected members
Scrutiny Committee	8	3
Scrutiny Committee (External)	8	3
Planning Committee	12 except when conducting a pre-determination hearing required by s 38A of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 when the membership will comprise all elected members of Council.	4 except when conducting a pre-determination hearing required by s 38A of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 when the quorum will be quarter of the membership.

Planning Review Committee	5 the convener and depute convener of the Planning Committee, ex officio, with 3 others drawn from the remaining members of the Planning Committee on a rota basis	3
Civic Licensing Committee	10	4
Audit Committee	7 6 elected members and 1 lay member	4
Appeals Committee	8	3
Pensions Committee	6 elected members and 3 lay members	4
Appointments Committee	6 plus the relevant portfolio holder. Where there is more than one relevant portfolio holder, the portfolio holders should agree amongst themselves which member will attend.	3
Emergency Committee	The members of the Executive	4
Bo'ness Common Good Fund Committee	The Provost, Depute Provost and members of the former Burghal area	3
Denny and Dunipace Common Good Fund Committee	The Provost, Depute Provost and members of the former Burghal area	3
Falkirk Common Good Fund Committee	The Provost, Depute Provost and members of the former Burghal area	3
Grangemouth Common Good Fund Committee	The Provost, Depute Provost and members of the former Burghal area	3
Community Empowerment Review Committee	5 consisting of the Provost and Depute Provost and 3 other members, on a rota basis, all not being members of the relevant Executive	<u>3</u>

- 37.2 (i) The Convener of the Executive will be the convener of the Emergency Committee.
- (ii) The Convener and Depute Convener of the Planning Committee will be the Convener and Depute Convener of the Planning Review Committee.
- 37.3 The Council may appoint special committees for such purposes as it may from time to time consider expedient.
- 37.4 With the exception of the Good Fund Committees and from time to time the Planning Review Committee, membership of all committees will, as far as reasonable, reflect the political balance of the Council.
- 37.5 The Chief Governance Officer is authorised to appoint, nominate and convene committees, boards and panels for specific statutory purposes. These include:-
- (i) Education Appeals Committee;
- (ii) Appointments Committee (Education);
- (iii) Attendance Committee (Education);
- (iv) Planning Review Committee; and
- (v) Community Empowerment Review Committee
- 37.6 These bodies will follow the procedure that is suitable to the subject matter being considered and will not otherwise be bound by the procedures for meetings set out in these Standing Orders. They will usually be required to observe the principles of natural justice and to follow a set procedure.
- 37.7 ~~Not used.~~Where a Board, Working Group or similar body is established by the Council it must have publicly available Terms of Reference and Membership, which shall be set by the establishing body.
- 37.8 The Convener of the Audit Committee shall be a lay person appointed following a public recruitment exercise and will hold office for a period to be agreed by Council.
- 37.9 Standing Committees will meet in accordance with the programme based on a cycle approved by the Council, such programme to be drawn up by the Chief Governance Officer and intimated to all councillors and Chief Officers.

47. COUNCIL

47.1 The following decisions are reserved to Council:-

(1) Arrangements for the Discharge of Council Business

- appointment of committees in terms of section 57 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973;
- determination, amendment or revocation of Standing Orders including Standing Orders in relation to meetings, Scheme of Delegation for the discharge of Council functions by committees or officers and, in particular, to fix the constitution, functions and powers of committees and to amend the same from time to time as council may decide;
- making, amendment or revocation of Financial Regulations and Contract Standing Orders;
- appointment of the Leader of the Council, any Depute Leader and the Conveners and Depute Conveners of committees except as otherwise provided in these Standing Orders;
- appointment of the Provost and Depute Provost ;
- appointment of portfolio holders and the determination of their remit;
- establishment of any joint committee or joint board to carry out any of the functions of the Council;
- appointment of members to (a) committees, (b) joint committee or board, (c) any body where the Council is obliged or entitled to make an appointment under statutory authority and (d) any other appointment by the Council of a member to represent the Council on any body; **and**
- setting the remuneration framework for members; and
- approval of any twinning arrangements, friendship pacts or other like arrangements.-

(2) Finance and Budgets

- setting of the council tax;
- setting of the Council's annual revenue and capital budgets;
- approval of the Capital Strategy
- approval of the audited annual accounts of the Council as made up at the end of the financial year and audited on behalf of the Accounts Commission together with the auditors' report on the accounts;
- approval of the Treasury Management Strategy and setting of the Council's Prudential Indicators; and
- approval of the level of council house rents.

(3) **Corporate Plans**

- approval of the Community Plan for Falkirk;
- approval of the Corporate Plan;
- approval of the Falkirk Council Local Development Plan;
- approval of the Five Year Business Plan;
- approval of the Integrated Children's Services Plan;
- approval of the Integration Scheme for Health & Social Care Integration;
- consideration of the Integration Joint Board's Strategic Plan;
- approval of any new policies or changes to policies that may have a significant impact on the Council's strategic objectives and corporate policies or its resources;
- approval of the Council's Scrutiny Plan; ~~and~~
- approval of the local police plan and the local Fire and Rescue Plan, and
- approval of any new policies or changes to policies that may have a significant impact on the Council's strategic objectives and corporate policies or its resources.-

(4) **Other Issues**

- determination of all planning applications which fall within section 38A(1) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997;
- promotion or opposition to private legislation;
- consideration of reports by the Head of Paid Service or the Monitoring Officer in terms of sections 4 and 5 respectively of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989;
- dealing with all matters relating to the conduct of members, other than that specifically described elsewhere in these Standing Orders;
- consideration of any report the Controller of Audit may make to the Accounts Commission with respect to the accounts of the Council in terms of section 102 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 and subsequent report on recommendations which the Accounts Commission may make to the Scottish Ministers;
- delegation of new powers and duties and exercise of new discretion not already delegated to a committee or officer;
- any other matter which may not by law be delegated to a committee or officer; and
- any motion submitted in terms of SO 29 with significant impact on the Council area which the Provost, having consulted with the Leader and Leader of the Main Opposition Groups, considers is suitable for debate at Council.

In addition, the Council may decide any matter referred to it by the Executive or the Education, Children and Young People Executive.

50. SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

(a) The Scrutiny Committee

Composition of the Scrutiny Committee

- 50.1** The Scrutiny Committee will consist of eight members (subject to the proviso that no member of the Executives may be a member of the Scrutiny Committee). Any member not appointed to the Scrutiny Committee may attend and speak when the committee is considering Service performance reports, ~~but may not vote.~~ A portfolio holder may attend and speak at the Scrutiny Committee when a matter within their remit is being considered. In both cases the member may not vote.

Role of the Scrutiny Committee

- 50.2** The Scrutiny Committee will develop the annual Scrutiny Plan of the Council and will submit it to Council for agreement. The Scrutiny Committee will also be responsible for overseeing implementation of the plan. The scrutiny will identify the principal areas which require detailed scrutiny. In order to undertake that scrutiny, the Scrutiny Committee may establish one or more Scrutiny Panels. The Scrutiny Committee will have no decision-making power but will make such recommendations as it considers appropriate to the Executive and Education, Children and Young People Executive.

Scrutiny Panels

- 50.3** A Scrutiny Panel will consist of up to five members of the Council as determined by the Scrutiny Committee. Any member of the Council other than a member of the Executive within whose remit the review topic falls may be appointed to a Scrutiny Panel. A Scrutiny Panel will consist of a member or members drawn from the Administration and a member or members not drawn from the Administration. The Scrutiny Panel will conduct its work in accordance with the remit fixed by the Scrutiny Committee and in accordance with guidance on scrutiny issued by the Scrutiny Committee from time to time. The Scrutiny Panel will have no decision-making power and will not be a sub-committee of the Scrutiny Committee.

Additional Roles

50.4 The Scrutiny Committee will:-

- (1) consider Service performance reports;
- (2) consider overview reports by Audit Scotland;
- (3) consider reports from school inspections; and
- (4) consider any other matter referred to the committee for consideration by Council, the Executive or Education, Children and Young People Executive.

(b) The Scrutiny Committee (External)

Composition of the Scrutiny Committee (External)

- 50.5** The Scrutiny Committee (External) will consist of eight members (subject to the proviso that no member of the Executives may be a member of the Scrutiny Committee (External)). A portfolio holder may attend and speak at the Scrutiny Committee (External) when a matter within their remit is being considered. In this case the member may not vote.

Role of the Scrutiny Committee (External)

50.6 The Scrutiny Committee (External) will consider:-

- (1) any report in accordance with the Following the Public Pound framework;
- (2) reports on performance by the Falkirk Community Trust;
- (3) any performance reports in respect of the Local Police Plan or the Local Fire and Rescue Plan;
- (4) reports on performance by the Integration Joint Board; and
- (5) any other matter referred to the committee for consideration by council or the Executive; and

- 50.7** The Scrutiny Committee (External) will have no decision-making power but will make such recommendations as it considers appropriate to the Executive and Education, Children and Young People Executive.