

Margaret Smith left the meeting during discussion of the foregoing item of business.

EE18. PILOT COMMUNITY HUBS – CAMELON AND DAWSON

The Education Executive considered a Report by the Director of Education which sought approval to establish pilot Community Hubs within Camelon Community Project and the Dawson Community Centre. The Report also sought approval to review and amend the arrangements for the allocation of free community use of schools, community centres and community halls within the Community Hubs.

The Falkirk Council Corporate Plan 2012-2017 states that the Council will ‘improve use and access to community facilities and create community hubs’. Education Services are keen to improve services for people living within the Falkirk Council area. The existing community services arrangements within both the Camelon and the Dawson areas do not provide the necessary flexibility to accommodate the need for new services in response to changing community needs.

The Report outlined the background and the current practice and also provided an overview of the proposed pilot Community Hub model.

Decision

The Education Executive agreed:-

- (1) to approve the proposals for the pilot Community Hubs as outlined in the Report, and**
- (2) to receive a further report on the findings of the pilots with recommendations for future action.**