

Councillor Alexander declared a non-financial interest in item FC9 as the Fire Brigades Union had contributed to his election fund in 2008 and 2012, but did not consider that this required him to recuse himself from consideration of the item, having had regard to the objective test in the Code of Conduct.

FC9. SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE LOCAL PLAN 2014-2017

Council considered a report by the Chief Executive presenting the draft Local Fire and Rescue Plan for the Falkirk Council area for 2014-2017 for approval.

The Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 requires that the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service prepares, for approval, a Local Fire and Rescue Plan for each Local Authority area.

The plan sets out the national framework within which local plans sit, together with the key objectives for the Falkirk Council area. Details were given of the consultation exercise which informed the development of the draft plan together with an evaluation of the responses.

Decision

Council agreed:-

- (1) to note the feedback on key issues outlined at appendix 2 of the report, following the consultation exercise on the draft plan; and**
- (1) the Local Fire and Rescue Plan for the Falkirk Council area, as set out in appendix 1 of the report.**