

FC64. DECISION MAKING STRUCTURES

(a)

With reference to the minute of the meeting held on 18 May 2012 (paragraph FC5 refers) there was submitted report (circulated) by the Chief Executive (a) summarising the review of the Council's decision making structures; (b) detailing issues raised in consultation with senior members as part of the review process; (c) presenting a summary of the strengths and weaknesses of Executive/Cabinet and traditional Committee models of decision making; (d) proposing arrangements for the development

of local police and fire plans and (e) presenting an interim timetable of meetings, based on the current decision making structure, for the period January to March 2013.

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

“Having considered the report from the cross party working group on decision making structure, Council agrees that:-

- (1) The current committee structure requires to be replaced by a more efficient and modern structure;
- (2) A detailed report on a Council executive/cabinet structure, designed to meet Falkirk Council needs and circumstances, be submitted to a special meeting of the Council;
- (3) In order to allow full discussion of this important matter, this report includes details of an alternative structure, again designed to meet Falkirk Council's needs and circumstances;
- (4) The report includes proposals for changes to standing orders required to accompany each of the structures;
- (5) The report includes consideration of the proposal to re-introduce Baillies;
- (6) The report includes consideration of Petitions committees, reporting back from external organisations and substitutes/pairing;
- (7) The interim arrangements set out in par 3.16 of the report will be adopted to perform the functions given to the Council under the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012; and
- (8) The timetable of meetings set out in appendix 3 to the report is adopted for the period to 31 March 2013.

FC64. By way of an amendment, to the motion moved under Item 64(a), Councillor

(a) Meiklejohn, seconded by Councillor Jackson, moved:-

(cont)

- (a) that only the executive/cabinet structure should be taken forward together with Standing Orders and a Scheme of Delegation to support that structure with a view to implementing in April 2013
- (b) that the re-introduction of Baillies was not supported and that the terms of this amendment would be substituted for paragraph (2), (3), (4) and (5) of the motion

Councillor McCabe gave notice of a further amendment.

In terms of Standing Order 21.4(1) a vote was taken by roll call, there being 29 members present with voting as undernoted:-

For the motion (16) - 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 and Nimmo.

For the amendment (12) – Councillors Alexander, Bird, Carleschi, Chalmers, Coleman, Hughes, Jackson, McNally, Meiklejohn, Oliver, Ritchie and Turner.

Abstention (1) – Councillor McCabe.

The motion was accordingly carried. By way of further amendment, Councillor McCabe, seconded by Councillor Turner, then moved that in addition to the motion:-

“Council agrees the immediate reinstatement of regeneration groups to facilitate community communication. Officers will prepare an expanded remit for the regeneration groups to include economic initiatives, infrastructure assessments and community referrals”.

On a division, 16 members voted for the motion and 13 voted for the amendment.

Accordingly, **AGREED** the terms of the motion.