

**FC46. REFERRAL FROM ECONOMIC STRATEGY AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE – 20 SEPTEMBER 2011**

**(b) TOWN CENTRE REGENERATION STRATEGY: UPDATE REPORT**

There was submitted (circulated) (a) Report by the Director of Development Services; and (b) Report by the Director of Development Services submitted to the meeting of the Economic Strategy and Development Committee on 20 September 2011 advising of the progress being made in the delivery of projects in each district centre during a period of significant changes in market conditions and in the legislative framework for regeneration schemes, and recommending the next steps proposed for each centre.

Councillor C Martin, seconded by Councillor Mahoney, moved that Council:-

- (1) notes the progress on the delivery of the Town Centre Regeneration Strategy including the successful completion of Stenhousemuir town centre regeneration and progress in delivery of the Bo'ness THI;
- (2) notes the action taken to market the opportunity for regeneration at Grangemouth town centre, contributing its assets to assist in delivery of this scheme;
- (3) formally terminates the Development Agreement with ING at Bo'ness;
- (4) receives a further report on the marketing of the Bo'ness Harbour and Foreshore regeneration scheme
- (5) formally terminates the Development Agreement with Henry Boot and progresses the regeneration project in Denny through a Council led phased scheme as set out in Section 6 of the Report
- (6) instructs officers to progress with a Stage 1 application to the Heritage Lottery Fund – Townscape Heritage Initiative by 30 November for Falkirk town centre; and
- (7) receives a further report on proposals for the regeneration of Falkirk town centre.

By way of an Amendment, Councillor Oliver moved the terms of the Motion, subject to the following adjustments:-

- (1) “At recommendation (5) substitute with, “Council notes the position of Henry Boot where the long stop date in the development agreement has expired and consults the community on the Henry Boot proposal as set out in their letter of 7 September 2011” and
- (2) add at 8, “all regeneration projects will have local development groups set up to inform the community of developments in their area.”

Council then adjourned for 15 minutes to allow members to consider the terms of the motion and amendment and reconvened with all Members present as per the sederunt, with the exception of Councillor Nicol, who remained outwith the meeting.

At this point, Councillor McNally advised that, having listened to the debate prior to the adjournment and having reflected on the matter before Council, he had concluded that he should take no further part in consideration of the item given his interest in a business situated within Denny town centre. He accordingly withdrew from the meeting and took no part in the decision making.

Councillor Alexander then seconded the Amendment.

There followed discussion on the motion and amendment before a division in which 11 Members voted for the Amendment and 15 Members voted for the Motion.

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