

EX109. FALKIRK/GRANGEMOUTH ENERGY PROJECT: INTRODUCTORY REPORT

The Executive considered a report by the Director of Development Services providing an update on an energy project based in Grangemouth and the potential benefits in establishing an energy service company (ESCo) to deliver a range of energy related services to commercial, industrial and residential premises in Falkirk and Grangemouth.

The report provided background on an energy project which could utilise renewable technologies to deliver substantial energy cost savings to the Grangemouth industrial complex and potentially to the wider area through the development of a district heating scheme and on proposals to establish an energy service company (ESCo).

Three options for the structure of a Falkirk ESCo were set out together with anticipated benefits for the area. Scottish Enterprise has offered to lead in the development of a detailed business case and it was proposed that Falkirk Council contribute up to £25,000 towards the cost of this.

Decision

The Executive agreed to:-

- (1) note the report on the development of an energy project for Falkirk and Grangemouth and the possible formation of a Falkirk ESCo to support the energy needs of the area;**
- (2) contribute up to £25,000 towards the development of a detailed business case with stakeholders; and**
- (3) request that officers report back in due course, recommending the next steps.**