

EX4. FALKIRK FORESTRY AND WOODLAND STRATEGY

The Executive considered a report by the Director of Development Services presenting the Falkirk Forestry and Woodland Strategy and accompanying maps for approval.

The Strategy was procured, and paid for, by Forestry Commission Scotland and developed in partnership with the Council, Central Scotland Green Network Trust and Scottish Natural Heritage and sits within the Scottish Government's Scottish Forestry Strategy.

The Falkirk Strategy will guide forestry and woodland management and expansion in the area and provide a strategic and spatial framework to optimise the contribution of woodland and forestry to the people, environment and economy in the area. Upon approval, the plan will be available on the Council's and Commission's websites and will replace the Indicative Forestry Strategy 2002 set out in the Council's Structure Plan and the Council's Urban Woodland Strategy 2007.

During the course of discussion, Councillor Gow advised that she was a member of the Board of Central Scotland Green Network Trust but did not consider that this required her to recuse herself from consideration of the item.

Decision

The Executive approved the Falkirk Forestry and Woodland Strategy Final Draft and accompanying maps.