

## **EX57. CARBON MANAGEMENT PLAN**

The Executive considered a report by the Director of Development Services presenting a Carbon Management Plan for approval.

The Council is required in terms of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 to demonstrate that carbon reduction is built into its operations and that it is contributing to national targets. From 2016/17 Falkirk Council will be required to report on progress towards the reduction of carbon dioxide emissions.

The revised plan, which outlines how the Council will manage its carbon dioxide emissions, covers the period 2015 – 2021 and sets out conclusions under 5 main headings:-

- Optimise use of the built estate;
- Taking decisions on the built estate;
- Build carbon and associated costs into decision making;
- Stabilisation/reduction of the estate; and
- Embed carbon reduction in IT.

The plan set out three options for Council - continued growth and consumption of carbon dioxide emissions; stabilisation of carbon dioxide and gradual decrease of carbon dioxide together with the potential savings associated with each scenario.

Councillor C R Martin, seconded by Councillor C Martin, moved that the Executive agrees:-

- (1) *to note the projects successfully delivered by the Carbon Management Plan 2011-2015; and*
- (2) *the Carbon Management Plan 2015/16 - 2020/21.*

Following discussion, Councillor Alexander proposed that, additionally, *the Executive agrees to request a report on what Falkirk Council is doing to reduce carbon emissions and on best practice within other Scottish local authorities.*

Councillor Dr C R Martin, with the consent of Councillor C Martin, as Convener and the seconder of the motion, agreed to adjust the terms of his motion to accommodate the proposed addendum.

### **Decision**

**The Executive agreed:-**

- (1) **to note the projects successfully delivered by the Carbon Management Plan 2011-2015;**
- (2) **the Carbon Management Plan 2015/16 - 2020/21; and**
- (3) **to request a report on what Falkirk Council is doing to reduce carbon emissions and to report on best practice in other Scottish local authorities.**