

FC54. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHIEF SOCIAL WORK OFFICER

Council considered a report by the Head of Social Work presenting the 2014/15 annual report of the Chief Social Work Officer.

Council is required, in terms of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968, to appoint a Chief Social Work Officer (CSWO) who, among other things, is required to prepare an annual report on the statutory, governance and leadership functions of the role. The report for 2014/15 which was prepared by the CSWO for that period, Margaret Anderson, was presented as an appendix to the report and provided an overview of how the CSWO's statutory responsibilities had been fulfilled. It also referred to key challenges for the year ahead including the integration of adult health and social care services and the redesign of Community Justice.

Decision

Council agreed to:-

- (1) note the contents of the report, and**
- (2) acknowledge the commitment, skills and experience of staff in continuing to deliver high quality Social Work Services for the benefit of Falkirk citizens.**