



AGENDA ITEM

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Minute

FALKIRK COUNCIL

Minute of meeting of the EXECUTIVE held within the Municipal Buildings, Falkirk on Tuesday 21 February 2017 at 9.30 a.m.

Councillors:

David Alexander	Dr Craig R Martin
Jim Blackwood	Craig Martin (Convener)
Tom Coleman	Malcolm Nicol
Dennis Goldie	Alan Nimmo
Linda Gow	Robert Spears
Adrian Mahoney	

Officers:

Nick Burgess, Service Manager, Children's Services
Douglas Duff, Head of Economic Development and Environmental Services
Rhona Geisler, Director of Development Services
Sara Lacey, Senior Service Manager, Children's Services
Rose Mary Glackin, Chief Governance Officer
Brian Pirie, Democratic Services Manager
Mary Pitcaithly, Chief Executive
Stuart Ritchie, Director of Corporate and Housing Services
Amanda Templeman, Capital Manager, Corporate and Housing Services
Dawn Wheildon, Project Manager, Children's Services

EX106. Apologies

An apology was intimated on behalf of Councillor G Goldie.

EX107. Declarations of Interest

No declarations were made.

EX108. Minute

Decision

The minute of the meeting of the Executive held on 10 January 2017 was approved.

EX109. Rolling Action Log

A rolling action log detailing decisions not yet implemented following the previous meeting on 10 January 2017 was provided.

Decision

The Executive noted the rolling action log.

EX110. Traffic Management Arrangements for Marches, Processions and Parades and Development of Safety Advisory Group Model for Public Events

The Executive considered a report by the Director of Development Services on the review of fees for Temporary Traffic Regulation Orders and on the development of a safety advisory group model for public events.

The Executive had agreed on 29 November 2016 (ref EX92) to continue the suspension of relevant application fees for certain Temporary Traffic Regulation Order (TTRO) applications until a review of the traffic management arrangements for public events could be completed. Work had been undertaken but was linked also to work Police Scotland was carrying out in response to a report on marches, processions and demonstrations by Dr Michael Rosie. To date, Police Scotland had not finalised its position. Consequently, it was proposed to continue the suspension of the TTRO fee for marches, processions and parades.

It was also proposed that Council adopts a safety advisory group approach to the general management of processions and similar events. This multi agency model is favoured by COSLA and would, if adopted across Scottish local authorities, ensure a standardised approach to event planning.

Decision

The Executive:-

- (1) endorsed the further development of the Safety Advisory Group approach to managing safety at public events as promoted by COSLA;**
- (2) noted that, following the outcome of consideration of recommendations 3.90 and 3.91 contained in the report by Dr Michael Rosie on marches, parades and static demonstrations in Scotland published in 2016, a fee structure for applications for Temporary Traffic Regulation Orders in relation to marches, processions and parades can be finalised; and**
- (3) requested further reports on this matter.**

EX111. Community Justice Outcomes and Improvement Plan 2017-20

The Executive considered a report by the Director of Children's Services providing an update on progress towards the development of a Community Justice Outcomes Improvement Plan 2017-20.

The Community Justice Partnership in Falkirk was established in 2016, in response to the Community Justice (Scotland) Act. Partners are required to share information and provide advice and assistance to each other and to coordinate and fund activities together. The Scottish Government's Community Justice Strategy set out the vision for community justice and each local authority area is required to produce an outcomes improvement plan by 31 March 2017. The plan prepared by the Falkirk Community Justice Partnership will be submitted to the Community Planning Partnership's Strategic Board for sign off by the deadline.

The draft plan was summarised – it is built upon six pathways (or themes) each of which will be supported by its own project plan and logic model, led by a designated partner.

The strategic pathways are:-

- Information Sharing, Learning and Development
- Community Justice Policy Development
- Relationship and Making Connections
- Service Mapping and Evaluation
- Supporting Transitions
- Unpaid Work

Decision

The Executive noted the progress in developing a draft community justice outcomes improvement plan which will be presented to the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Strategic Board for final sign off in March 2017.

Councillors Gow and Spears joined the meeting during consideration of the previous item.

EX112. Falkirk Tax Incremental Finance Initiative and Falkirk Gateway

The Executive considered an update report by the Director of Development Services on the Falkirk Tax Incremental Finance (TIF) Initiative and Falkirk Gateway.

The Falkirk TIF Initiative, of which the Falkirk Gateway project is a key element, was agreed by the Executive on 18 June 2013 (ref EX29) and is designed to increase development actively throughout the area by creating enabling infrastructure. The TIF development programme was agreed by the Executive on 15 March 2016 (ref EX103).

The Economic Strategy for 2015-2025 sets out a vision for the economy in the area and includes a proposal to establish an investment zone to realise opportunities in chemicals, logistics and manufacturing. The report set out proposals to develop an Investment Zone business case with Scottish Enterprise at a cost of £40,000. The business case will also consider opportunities for redevelopment of canal side areas and tourism.

In regard to the Falkirk Gateway, the report set out a proposal to establish a land ownership agreement with Callendar Estates, which along with Falkirk Council owns land on the Gateway site. The benefits in doing so, particularly in regard to State Aid, were set out.

A revised schedule, incorporating these proposals and amendments to the programme including delivery of Junction 5 phase 1 works and the delivery of the Westfield roundabout, was presented for approval.

It was proposed that the temporary post of Economic Development officer (TIF) is extended for a further 5 years to assist in the delivery of the Falkirk TIF and Investment Zone business case. The post, which had initially been for a period of 2 years, would be funded through TIF.

Decision

The Executive agreed:-

- (1) to note the update of progress of the Falkirk TIF Initiative;**
- (2) to authorise the Director of Development Services to commission a business case for the investment zone project, to include canal corridor opportunities, at an anticipated cost of £140,000, to be joint funded by Scottish Enterprise and Falkirk TIF;**
- (3) to progress the transfer of land between Falkirk Council and Callendar Estate relating to Falkirk Gateway sites 1 and 2 as identified in appendices 1 (existing ownership) and 2 (proposed ownership) of the report;**

- (4) to establish a five year temporary position of Economic Development Officer (TIF), Grade J, as part of the Growth Investment Unit team for the project's delivery; and**
- (5) the revised implementation schedule for TIF projects as outlined in appendix 3 to the report.**

Councillor Nicol left the meeting during consideration of the previous item.

EX113. Capital Programmes Update 2016/17

The Executive considered a report by the Director of Corporate and Housing Services providing an update on the General Fund Services and Housing Capital Programmes for 2016/17.

The projected outturn for the General Fund Services Capital Programme for 2016/17 is £31.8m (compared to the November figure of £34.4m). The report set out the main areas of spend for 2016/17. This represents a slippage of c £2.8m on the budget for 2016/17, an increase on the £0.6m reported in November 2016. The report highlighted the main factors contributing to this increase.

The projected outturn for the 2016/17 Housing Capital Programme is £29.8m, representing a £1.5m underspend on the 2016/17 programme. A projected outturn of £28.3m had been reported on 29 November 2016 (ref EX91). The report detailed the spend and movement across the programme since then.

The report also set out the Prudential Indicators for 2016/17.

Decision

The Executive noted:-

- (1) the forecast spend for both the General Fund Services (£31.8m) and Housing Capital Programmes (£29.8m); and**
- (2) the Prudential Indicators.**