

EX73. Review of Open Space Strategy and Parks Development Plan

The Executive considered a report by the Director of Development Services presenting a set of changes to the consultative draft Open Space Strategy which had been raised through public consultation, and to agree the adoption of the finalised document as Council policy.

The Executive had on 19 August 2014 (ref EX45) established a policy development panel to review the Falkirk Council Open Space Strategy and Parks Development Plan (Strategy).

The panel had presented its draft Strategy to the Executive on 20 October 2015 (ref EX59) when it was agreed to publish the consultative draft Open Space Strategy and Parks Development Plan and carry out a public consultation exercise. The public consultation was undertaken between 7 December 2015 and 7 March 2016.

The report summarised the extensive policy development process undertaken by the panel, the wide ranging public consultation and minor changes suggested in response to this exercise.

A consultation report was presented to the panel on 26 August when it recommended that a finalised Open Space Strategy and Parks Development Plan be submitted to the Executive seeking approval to adopt the document as Council policy.

Decision

The Executive agreed:-

- (1) the proposed responses to comments received during consultation and consequential changes to the draft Open Space Strategy outlined in appendix 1 to the report, and**
- (2) to adopt the finalised Open Space Strategy shown at appendix 2 to the report, as Council policy.**