

Draft

FALKIRK COUNCIL

**Minute of special meeting of Falkirk Council held in the Municipal Buildings,
Falkirk on Wednesday 22 February 2017 at 9.30 a.m.**

Councillors:

David Alexander	Dennis Goldie	Rosie Murray
David Balfour	Linda Gow	Malcolm Nicol
Stephen Bird	Gordon Hughes	Alan Nimmo
Allyson Black	Steven Jackson	Martin Oliver
Jim Blackwood	Charles MacDonald	Depute Provost John
Baillie William Buchanan	Brian McCabe	Patrick
Steven Carleschi	John McLuckie	Provost Pat Reid
Colin Chalmers	Adrian Mahoney	Ann Ritchie
Tom Coleman	Craig Martin	Robert Spears
Baillie Joan Coombes	Dr Craig R Martin	Sandy Turner
Paul Garner	Cecil Meiklejohn	

Officers:

Karen Algie, Head of HR and Business Transformation
Fiona Campbell, Head of Policy, Technology and Improvement
Danny Cairney, Accountancy Services Manager
Patricia Cassidy, Chief Officer, Integration Joint Board
Jack Frawley, Committee Services Officer
Rhona Geisler, Director of Development Services
Kenny Gillespie, Property and Asset Manager
Rose Mary Glackin, Chief Governance Officer
Iain Henderson, Legal Services Manager
Joe McElholm, Head of Social Work Adult Services
Carole McGhee, Capital Manager
Colin Moodie, Depute Chief Governance Officer
Robert Naylor, Director of Children's Services
Brian Pirie, Democratic Services Manager
Mary Pitcaithly, Chief Executive
Stuart Ritchie, Director of Corporate and Housing Services
Bryan Smail, Chief Finance Officer

Also

Attending: Maureen Campbell, Chief Executive, Falkirk Community Trust

FC72. Sederunt

The sederunt was taken by way of a roll call. An apology was intimated on behalf of Councillor G Goldie.

FC73. Declarations of Interest

No declarations were made at this point.

FC74. Revenue Budget 2017/18

Immediately prior to consideration of this item, Council adjourned to allow members of the Administration to consider the terms of the SNP group's proposed amendments which had been made available to the Leader of the Council prior to the meeting. The Leader of the Council had also shared the Administration's proposed motion with the Leader of the Opposition. Council reconvened at 10.45 a.m. with members present as per the sederunt.

Council considered a report by the Chief Executive and the Director of Corporate and Housing Services presenting the Administration's revenue budget proposals for 2017/18 with options for the level of council tax. The report also set out Falkirk Community Trust's Business Plan for 2017/18 and proposed an allocation of funds to the Integration Joint Board.

Council had previously considered reports on the revenue budget process and the local government finance settlement for 2017/18, the most recent being on 19 December 2016 (ref FC65 and FC 64). Additionally the Executive had considered further update reports on 10 January 2017 (ref EX103).

Councillor C Martin, seconded by Baillie Coombes, moved that Council agrees:-

- (1) the Draft Budget for 2017/18 as proposed in the report and as appended to it subject to the additional spending proposals outlined below;
- (2) to increase the council tax by 3%;
- (3) the additional spending proposals outlined in the table attached (appendix 1 of this minute);
- (4) to continue COSLA membership for a further year consistent with para 4.7.18 of the report;
- (5) (i) the Business Plans and savings options for Falkirk Community Trust as set out in section 4.8 of the report subject to saving proposals in the attached table (appendix 1) not being pursued, and (ii) the adjusted Service Payment for 2017/18 of £11.433m;

- (6) that the adjusted sum of £60.351m to be made available to the Integration Joint Board (IJB) to reflect (i) the additional spending proposals, and (ii) a savings requirement of £2m in place of the £2.455m submitted by the IJB on the basis that the reduced target allows the garden aid scheme to be included in its wider public consultation and that the service will continue in 2017/18;
- (7) to note the update on terms and conditions and agrees:-
 - (i) in respect of the 35/37 hour protection, to commence negotiations as soon as possible with Trade Unions with the aim of reaching an agreement on that issue by no later than the end of April. If such agreement is not possible, employees will be approached by the end of May to seek their voluntary acceptance of this change and, for those who do not agree, the Chief Executive will make appropriate arrangements to implement this change, in accordance with any legal requirements, as soon as possible thereafter, and
 - (ii) to continue with negotiations on terms and conditions more broadly with a view to achieving a package of savings for implementation in 2018/19, and
- (8) to note the Chief Officers who have either left, or are intending to leave, and agrees to:-
 - (i) call an Appointments Committee to make an appointment to the post of Head of Social Work Children's Services;
 - (ii) slot the current Depute Chief Governance Officer on a temporary basis into the post of Chief Governance Officer and delete the resulting Depute Chief Governance Officer post at chief officer level;
 - (iii) slot the three Heads of Service within Development Services in to the re-designed Head of Service roles on a temporary basis to enable a reduction in Heads of Service from 4 to 3 as agreed by Council in 2015;
 - (iv) delete both chief officer Depute Chief Finance Officer posts at chief officer level to bring the Finance structure into line with other parts of the Council's chief officer structure;
 - (v) receive a report back on the current temporary arrangements for the Head of Housing post;
 - (vi) note the position with regards to the Head of Social Work Adult Services; and

- (vii) implement a new grade O, as detailed in paragraph 4.10.25 of the report, to enable appropriate remuneration for officers who deputise for statutory officers.
- (9) to instruct Chief Officers to deliver services within the specific budget allocation for each Service and authorise them to take such actions as may be required within Council policy to give effect to the service delivery proposals outlined in relevant sections of the report and related appendices, annexes and addendums.

As an amendment, Councillor Meiklejohn, seconded by Councillor Jackson, moved the terms of the motion, subject to the following alterations:-

- (3) the additional income and savings, and spending proposals attached (appendix 2 of the minute);
- (5) the business plans and savings options for Falkirk Community Trust as set out in section 4.8 of the report with the following amendments:-
 - (i) increase funding to Falkirk Community Trust by £230,000 to maintain access to outdoor activities for both schools and community, and
- (6) the content of section 4.9 of the report with the following amendment:-
 - (i) £200,000 to enhance respite care provision and support carers.
- (8) to note the Chief Officers who have either left or intend to leave the council and agree to conduct a full review of the management structures with the final decision being taken by the incoming Council post 4 May.

Council adjourned at 11.45 a.m. to enable the Chief Finance Officer to give consideration to the proposed income and expenditure adjustments and to allow members to receive any advice on them that may be required. The meeting reconvened at 12.05 p.m. with members present as per the sederunt.

Provost Reid proposed that Council consider clauses (1)-(7) and (9) of the motion and the related clauses of the amendment at this point (clauses (3), (5) and (6)) and consider clause (8) at the end of the meeting so that, if required, Council could consider that latter part of the business in private. Members supported the proposal.

Following debate Council adjourned at 1.10 p.m. for lunch and reconvened at 2.10 p.m. with members present as per the sederunt.

In terms of Standing Order 22.4(i), a vote was taken on clauses (1)-(7) and (9) of the motion and clauses (3), (5) and (6) of the amendment by roll call, there being 31 members present with voting as undernoted:-

For the motion (16) – Provost Reid; Depute Provost Patrick; Baillies Buchanan and Coombes; Councillors Black, Blackwood, D Goldie, Gow, MacDonald, McLuckie, Mahoney, C Martin, Dr C R Martin, Murray, Nicol, Nimmo.

For the amendment (15) – Councillors Alexander, Balfour, Bird, Carleschi, Chalmers, Coleman, Garner, Hughes, Jackson, McCabe, Meiklejohn, Oliver, Ritchie, Turner and Spears.

Decision

Council agreed:-

- (1) the Draft Budget for 2017/18 as proposed in the report and as appended to it subject to the additional spending proposals outlined below;**
- (2) to increase the council tax by 3%;**
- (3) the additional spending proposals outlined in the table attached as appendix 1 to this minute;**
- (4) to continue COSLA membership for a further year consistent with para 4.7.18 of the report;**
- (5) (i) the Business Plans and savings options for Falkirk Community Trust as set out in section 4.8 of the report subject to saving proposals in the attached table (appendix 1) not being pursued, and**
 - (ii) the adjusted Service Payment for 2017/18 of £11.433m;**
- (6) that the adjusted sum of £60.351m to be made available to the Integration Joint Board (IJB) to reflect**
 - (i) the additional spending proposals, and**
 - (ii) a savings requirement of £2m in place of the £2.455m submitted by the IJB on the basis that the reduced target allows the garden aid scheme to be included in its wider public consultation and that the service will continue in 2017/18;**
- (7) to note the update on terms and conditions and agrees:-**
 - (i) in respect of the 35/37 hour protection, to commence negotiations as soon as possible with Trade Unions with the aim of reaching an agreement on that issue by no later than the end of April. If such agreement is not possible, employees will be approached by the end of May to seek**

their voluntary acceptance of this change and, for those who do not agree, the Chief Executive will make appropriate arrangements to implement this change, in accordance with any legal requirements, as soon as possible thereafter, and

- (ii) to continue with negotiations on terms and conditions more broadly with a view to achieving a package of savings for implementation in 2018/19, and**
- (9) to instruct Chief Officers to deliver services within the specific budget allocation for each Service and authorise them to take such actions as may be required within Council policy to give effect to the service delivery proposals outlined in relevant sections of the report and related appendices, annexes and addendums.**

Provost Reid and Councillor Carleschi each declared a non-financial interest in item FC75 (Three Year General Capital Programme 2017/18 – 2020/21) as members of the Dobbie Hall Trust and left the meeting at this point. Depute Provost Patrick took the chair.

FC75. Three Year General Capital Programme 2017/18 – 2019/20

Council considered a report by the Director of Corporate and Housing Services presenting the proposed capital investment programme for the financial years 2017/18 – 2019/20 on all areas of service delivery with the exception of Council Housing. Over the course of the programme £87.5m was available.

Since the Local Government Finance Settlement was announced in December 2016, a further £0.75m was now available. The draft programme did not include projects funded by the additional grant and it was suggested that the allocation of this additional grant could be determined as part of deliberation on this item. Options, including the acceleration of projects, were set out in the report.

As part of its decision in regard to the Revenue Budget earlier in the meeting, Council had agreed to replace reserve contributions with £2.8m capital funding, with the effect that £2.8m of capital funding would be allocated to revenue projects.

Councillor C Martin, seconded by Baillie Coombes, moved that Council:-

- (1) agrees the General Services Capital programme as presented in, and appended to, the report;
- (2) applies the additional Scottish Government general capital grant as set out in the table attached (appendix 3 of the minute);

- (3) notes the consequences for the capital programme of decisions taken earlier in the revenue budget; and
- (4) agrees that the cost of (3) above is met by additional borrowing.

Council then adjourned at 2.45 p.m. to allow members of the Opposition to consider the terms of the motion and reconvened at 3.10 p.m. with members present as per the sederunt, with the exception of Provost Reid and Councillor Carleschi.

As an amendment, Councillor Meiklejohn, seconded by Councillor Jackson, moved the terms of the motion, subject to the substitution of clause (2) with the following:-

- (2) agrees to the acceleration of projects at section 4.5.4 of the report with the addition of the following:-
 - (i) Dobbie Hall - £50,000;
 - (ii) the MUGA pitch programme is augmented to enable an additional 2 pitches to be developed -£100,000; and
 - (iii) Hallglen Centre funding to assist with replacement heating and refurbishment - £100,000.

In addition Changing Places Toilets - £60,000 to be funded from slippage.

Following discussion, Councillor Martin, with the consent of the Provost and Baillie Coombes, as his seconder, agreed to adjust the terms of the motion to include the following clause:-

- (5) agrees to allocate £50,000, from slippage, to the Dobbie Hall Trust.

In terms of Standing Order 22.4(i), the vote was taken by roll call, there being 29 members present with voting as undernoted:-

For the motion (15) – Depute Provost Patrick; Baillies Buchanan and Coombes; Councillors Black, Blackwood, D Goldie, Gow, MacDonald, McLuckie, Mahoney, C Martin, Dr C R Martin, Murray, Nicol, Nimmo.

For the amendment (14) – Councillors Alexander, Balfour, Bird, Chalmers, Coleman, Garner, Hughes, Jackson, McCabe, Meiklejohn, Oliver, Ritchie, Turner and Spears.

Decision

Council agreed:-

- (1) the General Services Capital programme as presented in, and appended to, the report;**

- (2) to apply the additional Scottish Government general capital grant as set out in the table attached as appendix 3 to this minute;**
- (3) to note the consequences for the capital programme of decisions taken earlier in the revenue budget;**
- (4) that the cost of (3) above is met by additional borrowing; and**
- (5) to allocate £50,000, from slippage, to the Dobbie Hall Trust.**

Provost Reid and Councillor Carleschi rejoined the meeting following consideration of the previous item. Provost Reid took the chair.

FC76. Housing Revenue Account and Council House Rents 2017/18 – 2019/20

Council considered a report by the Director of Corporate and Housing Services presenting a draft Housing Revenue Account for the financial year 2017/18; making recommendations on the level of council house and other rents for 2017/18 and proposing indicative rent levels for the years 2017/18 to 2019/20.

Baillie Coombes, seconded by Councillor C Martin, moved that Council agrees:-

- (1) the Housing Revenue Account budget for 2017/18 as set out in appendix 2 to the report;
- (2) a rent increase of 3.6% to be applied from 1st April 2017, increasing the average fortnightly charge from £133.98 to £138.80;
- (3) to increase lock-up garage rents from an average of £6.14 per week to £6.36 per week;
- (4) to increase garage site rents from £79 per annum to £80 per annum;
- (5) to increase Castings Hostel rents from £22.66 per room per day to £23.48 per room per day (excluding fuel charges);
- (6) to increase homeless property rents from an average of £183.88 per week to £190.50 per week, and
- (7) to note the indicative budgets and rent increase for 2018/19 and 2019/20 as representing the best available information at this time.

As an amendment, Councillor Meiklejohn, seconded by Councillor Jackson, moved the terms of the motion subject to the following alteration:

- (2) the rent increase is restricted to inflation (currently around 1.8%) for 2017/18 helping those hardest pressed working families who are impacted the most by Westminster's austerity agenda. The fortnightly changes to be adjusted accordingly with the balance to be drawn from reserves and efficiency savings.

In terms of Standing Order 22.4(i), a vote was taken by roll call, there being 31 members present with voting as undernoted:-

For the motion (16) – Provost Reid; Depute Provost Patrick; Baillies Buchanan and Coombes; Councillors Black, Blackwood, D Goldie, Gow, MacDonald, McLuckie, Mahoney, C Martin, Dr C R Martin, Murray, Nicol, Nimmo.

For the amendment (15) – Councillors Alexander, Balfour, Bird, Carleschi, Chalmers, Coleman, Garner, Hughes, Jackson, McCabe, Meiklejohn, Oliver, Ritchie, Turner and Spears.

Decision

Council agreed the motion.

FC77. Housing Investment Programme 2017/18 – 2019/20

Council considered a report by the Director of Corporate and Housing Services presenting the proposed Housing Investment Programme for the financial years 2017/18 – 2019/20.

Baillie Coombes, seconded by Councillor Murray, moved that Council agrees the expenditure proposals outlined in the 2017/18 to 2019/20 Housing Investment Programme detailed in appendix 1 to the report.

Councillor Meiklejohn proposed that in addition to the motion, Council agrees:-

that an additional £10m of investment is included within the Housing Investment Programme to provide additional new affordable homes, £5m to be allocated to 2018/19 and £5m to 2019/20. Specific project details will form part of the revised Strategic Housing Investment Programme (SHIP) due to be considered in the Autumn of 2017 to enable Affordable Housing grant funding to be requested from the Scottish Government. This investment proposal is subject to the associated revenue consequences (estimated at £0.3m) being addressed as part of a future HRA budget considerations in 2019/20 and 2020/21.

With the consent of the Provost and Councillor Murray, as her seconder, Baillie Coombes agreed to adjust her motion to incorporate the terms of the proposed alteration.

Decision

Council agreed:-

- (1) the expenditure proposals outlined in the 2017/18 to 2019/20 Housing Investment Programme detailed in appendix 1 to the report; and**
- (2) that an additional £10m of investment is included within the Housing Investment Programme to provide additional new affordable homes, £5m to be allocated to 2018/19 and £5m to 2019/20. Specific project details will form part of the revised Strategic Housing Investment Programme (SHIP) due to be considered in the Autumn of 2017 to enable Affordable Housing grant funding to be requested from the Scottish Government. This investment proposal is subject to the associated revenue consequences (estimated at £0.3m) being addressed as part of a future HRA budget considerations in 2019/20 and 2020/21.**

FC78. Accounts Commission Best Value Report

Council considered a report by the Chief Executive presenting the Accounts Commission's findings in regard to a best value review of Falkirk Council.

Audit Scotland had undertaken a Best Value review follow up inspection of Falkirk Council in 2016. Its report was considered by the Accounts Commission in November 2016. The Commission's findings were published on 1 December 2016. Council is required to consider the findings and had published a notice in the Falkirk Herald of 9 February 2017 stating its intention to do so at this meeting.

The findings were set out together with a proposed response. This was set out in section 4 of the report and included an update on:-

- Council of the Future;
- Digital Strategy;
- Workforce Strategy;
- Medium/Long Term Financial Strategy;
- Single Outcomes and Local Delivery Plan (SOLD); and
- Improvements in Performance Panel reporting.

Councillor C Martin, seconded by Baillie Coombes, moved that Council:-

- (1) acknowledges the report from the Accounts Commission dated December 2016 and the findings contained therein on page 4 of the report;
- (2) writes to the Accounts Commission setting out the Council's response to their report in the terms set out in part 7 of the Chief Executive's report; and
- (3) notes that it had previously agreed that a progress report on the Council of the Future will be considered by the Executive in March 2017.

As an amendment, Councillor Coleman, seconded by Councillor Alexander, moved the terms of the motion subject to the following alterations:-:

- (2) writes to the Accounts Commission and acknowledges the failure of the council to properly recognise the need for change and to bring about that change of ethos until forced to do so, and
- (3) agrees to pass this responsibility onto the new Council who take office in May to bring about that cultural change with elected members at the core of the process.

In terms of Standing Order 22.4(i), a vote was taken by roll call, there being 31 members present with voting as undernoted:-

For the motion (16) – Provost Reid; Depute Provost Patrick; Baillies Buchanan and Coombes; Councillors Black, Blackwood, D Goldie, Gow, MacDonald, McLuckie, Mahoney, C Martin, Dr C R Martin, Murray, Nicol, Nimmo.

For the amendment (15) – Councillors Alexander, Balfour, Bird, Carleschi, Chalmers, Coleman, Garner, Hughes, Jackson, McCabe, Meiklejohn, Oliver, Ritchie, Turner and Spears.

Decision

Council agreed the motion.

FC79. Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland: 5th Reviews of Electoral Arrangements – Amendments to Polling Scheme

Council considered a report by the Chief Executive presenting a polling scheme for the purposes of the Local Government elections on 4 May 2017.

Council had agreed, on 7 December 2017 (ref FC51) to undertake a public consultation on a revised scheme and to consider the outcome of this before the nomination period commenced for the local government elections.

No responses had been received in regard to the consultation. However a change to the polling place situated at Carron Co-op car park (ward 6) within a vacant shop unit in the Carron Centre was now proposed.

Decision

Council agreed the polling scheme appended to the report, subject to the polling stations at polling district FW611 changing from Mobile Unit Co-op Car Park to New Unit 2, the Carron Centre, with immediate effect for the purpose of the local government elections on 4 May 2017 and until the next full review of polling places to be held between 1 October 2018 and 31 January 2020, subject to any individual changes required in the interim period.

FC80. Revenue Budget 2017/18 (continued)

Council adjourned at 5.30p.m. to allow members to take advice on that part of the motion and amendment in regard to the Revenue Budget 2017/18 which related to Chief Officer posts. Council reconvened at 6.05 p.m. with members present as per the sederunt.

Councillor C Martin, seconded by Baillie Coombes, had moved that Council notes the Chief Officers who have either left, or are intending to leave and agrees to:-

- (1) call an Appointments Committee to make an appointment to the post of Head of Social Work Children's Services;
- (2) slot the current Depute Chief Governance Officer on a temporary basis into the post of Chief Governance Officer and delete the resulting Depute Chief Governance Officer post at chief officer level;
- (3) slot the three Heads of Service within Development Services in to the re-designed Head of Service roles on a temporary basis to enable a reduction in Heads of Service from 4 to 3 as agreed by Council in 2015;
- (4) delete both chief officer Depute Chief Finance Officer posts at chief officer level to bring the Finance structure into line with other parts of the Council's chief officer structure;
- (5) receive a report back on the current temporary arrangements for the Head of Housing post;
- (6) note the position with regards to the Head of Social Work Adult Services; and

- (7) implement a new grade O, as detailed in paragraph 4.10.25 of the report, to enable appropriate remuneration for officers who deputise for statutory officers.

As an amendment, Councillor Meiklejohn, seconded by Councillor Jackson, had moved in substitution that:-

Council notes the chief officers who have either left or intend to leave the Council and agrees to conduct a full review of the management structures with the final decision being taken by the incoming Council post 4 May.

Prior to the start of the debate, Councillor C Martin, with the consent of the Provost and Baillie Coombes as his seconder, adjusted the terms of his motion at clause (2) and (3) with the deletion of "on a temporary basis".

Members then debated the adjusted motion and amendment.

Councillor Nicol left the meeting at this point.

In terms of Standing Order 22.4(i), a vote was taken by roll call, there being 30 members present with voting as undernoted:-

For the motion (15) – Provost Reid; Depute Provost Patrick; Baillies Buchanan and Coombes; Councillors Black, Blackwood, D Goldie, Gow, MacDonald, McLuckie, Mahoney, C Martin, Dr C R Martin, Murray, Nimmo.

For the amendment (15) – Councillors Alexander, Balfour, Bird, Carleschi, Chalmers, Coleman, Garner, Hughes, Jackson, McCabe, Meiklejohn, Oliver, Ritchie, Turner and Spears.

There being an equality of votes, Provost Reid, exercised his casting vote in favour of the motion.

Decision

Council noted the Chief Officers who have either left, or are intending to leave and agreed to:-

- (1) call an Appointments Committee to make an appointment to the post of Head of Social Work Children's Services;**
- (2) slot the current Depute Chief Governance Officer into the post of Chief Governance Officer and delete the resulting Depute Chief Governance Officer post at chief officer level;**
- (3) slot the three Heads of Service within Development Services in to the re-designed Head of Service roles to enable a reduction in Heads of Service from 4 to 3 as agreed by Council in 2015;**

- (4) delete both chief officer Depute Chief Finance Officer posts at chief officer level to bring the Finance structure into line with other parts of the Council's chief officer structure;**
- (5) receive a report back on the current temporary arrangements for the Head of Housing post;**
- (6) note the position with regards to the Head of Social Work Adult Services; and**
- (7) implement a new grade O, as detailed in paragraph 4.10.25 of the report, to enable appropriate remuneration for officers who deputise for statutory officers.**

Appendix 1

Agenda Item 3 - Motion Revenue Budget 2017/18

		£'000	Comments
1.	Children's Services		
A.	Additional Support Needs (ASN)	250	This will provide additional Support for Learning Assistants to work in educational settings to provide direct support to the increasing number of our pupils who have additional support needs.
B.	Community Halls	110	A significant amount of positive work has already been undertaken in this area and by providing this budget support it will ease the time pressures on Children's Services to deliver the savings agreed previously, allowing the Service more time to work with local communities to progress and support the transfer of community halls to be run by local management committees and groups.
C.	Breakfasts Clubs	90	There are already 18 breakfast clubs operating for primary aged pupils. This additional investment will allow the existing provision to be doubled and will be targeted at those primary schools with the highest deprivation factors. Discussions with schools will also take place to assess if this could be linked to social enterprises and once operational this will mean that 36 of our primary establishments will now have some form of breakfast provision.
D.	Foodbank Project	75	To help support families within some our most deprived areas this funding will allow work to be undertaken with colleagues in the Foodbank Service to enable food to be provided and distributed to such families during the summer holiday period. The proposal also includes £25,000 specifically to enable the Foodbank Service to provide some support to events organised by local groups, churches and voluntary organisations over the holiday period that provide food/meals for children.
		525	

		£'000	Comments
2.	Development Services		
A.	Community Wardens	100	Support for communities will be enhanced with the creation of an additional four Community Warden posts.
	Free Special Uplift	300	One free special uplift per household. Subsequent uplifts at £15. (£0.100m capital cost)
	Waste Collection in Flatted Properties	100	To deal with contaminated bins at communal locations
	Fortnightly Brown Bin Collections between April and September	166	Fortnightly brown bin collections April to September. October and November 4 weekly. On demand December to February as in previous years and March 4 weekly.
	Free After Three	53	To support increased footfall in Falkirk Town Centre we will reintroduce the popular Free after Three parking initiative.
	CCTV Surveillance	20	Mobile CCTV resources will be increased to help address anti social behaviours and support communities.
	Larger Street Bins	16	To replace up to 500 pole mounted bins with larger capacity containers (£0.180m capital cost).
	Bo'ness Community Bus	10	Bo'ness and Area Community Bus Association have secured a Section 22 permit and plan to start operating a service between Bo'ness, Blackness and Edinburgh from April 2017. £6,000 would be a subsidy for a 3 month trial and £4,000 is for the purchase of a ticket machine.
	Forest Estate Plan	15	To produce a long term Forest Estate Plan for the councils land portfolio. This plan will assist in levering in additional annual Forestry Commission grant funding.
		780	
3.	Corporate & Housing Services		
A.	Promoting a Fairer Falkirk through Digital Inclusion	243	By supporting digital inclusion initiatives we will ensure all our communities have the skills, abilities and means to access Council Services

		£'000	Comments
4.	Integration Joint Board		
A.	Dementia	100	This proposal establishes an innovations fund for development of a range of dementia support as part of the Council's implementation of the National Dementia Strategy. The fund will provide an opportunity to build on existing work on dementia friendly community, innovative approaches to short breaks for carers and making best use of telecare.
	Care	100	This proposal will support better outcomes through implementation of the reablement approach in community care reviews. The focus will be on reviewing existing care packages, complementing work on introducing reablement for new service users.
		200	
5.	Community Trust		
A.	Heritage		Retains the Heritage learning team and ensures access to a programme of activity for school aged children
B.	Outdoor Activities	230	Retains the outdoor Activities team to deliver a comprehensive programme for people of all ages to engage and support them develop an appreciation and enjoyment of the outdoors
C.	Fireworks	28	Enables us to deliver the annual fireworks event to approximately 30,000 people and to improve community safety as a result.
		328	
6.	External Funding		
A.	McMillan Family	7	Remove the saving proposed at Appendix 4 (External Funding Proposals) for this organisation
B.	Action Group	17	Remove the saving proposed at Appendix 4 (External Funding Proposals)for this organisation
		24	
	Overall Total	2,100	

Appendix 2

Agenda Item 3 - Amendment Revenue Budget 2017/18

Additional income and savings sources:

- (i) £30,000 reduction in the members' services budget as a result of a realignment of the Portfolios and Special Responsibility payments and with 3 service areas, and
- (ii) £90,000 from the Introduction of advertising on traffic islands and roadside verges.

Additional expenditure:

- £30,000 freeze on burials and cremations changes;
- External organisations, Falkirk Town Centre Management, delete proposed cut and increase funding by £20,000, total cost £45,000;
- £200,000 to fund the introduction of a local Rates Relief Scheme;
- £90,000 for the retention of community halls considered viable while supporting those management committees seeking their independence;
- £500,000 to deal with unforeseen pressures;
- £20,000 to support Community Sports groups in the Camelon area, which is one of the most deprived areas within the council area, to establish a charitable body to take forward the development a community sports facility;
- £60,000 to be available to external organisations following a review, should this be required;
- £315,000 to introduce one special uplift per year estimated gross costs don't allow for money saved with an expected drop in fly tipping, in addition amount to be used for education on recycling. A review of waste management service should also be carried out;
- £100,000 investment for the Focus School to upgrade the on- site class rooms modular units, the technical learning centre and the boilers to support the expansion of on site capacity;
- £250,000 for Support for Learning Assistants, and
- £53,000 for Free After Three;
- £20,000 for CCTV Surveillance;
- £10,000 for Bo'ness Community Bus;
- £70,000 for the Heritage Learning Team;

- £7,000 for McMillan Family, and
- £17,000 for Action Group.

Appendix 3

Agenda Item 4 - Motion

Three Year Capital Programme 2017/18 – 2019/20

A. New Project Proposals to Match Extra Grant

<u>Project</u>	<u>£'000</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Grangemouth Sports Centre	200	Replace pool filtration plant and associated heating and ventilation system
Changing Places Toilets	60	Additional locations to supplement £40k already in the Programme
Primary School safe play surfaces	100	Provision for Carmuir, Slamannan and Airth [potential for external funding]
Investment in Sports Pavilions	100	With Westquarter and Stirling Road, Camelon to be prioritised
Mariner Support Services [Focus school site]	80	Boiler replacement
ASN Capacity Expansion	100	Expanding and developing current bases
Community Environmental Project	110	Fund/part fund community projects e.g. footpath upgrades
	<u>750</u>	

B. Capital Consequences of Amendments to Revenue Budget

Free Special Uplift	100	Extra vehicle capacity
Larger Street Bins	180	Purchase of bins
	<u>280</u>	