

FC55. Council of the Future

Council considered a report by the Chief Executive setting out a proposed new framework of change for Falkirk Council. The framework would provide a business model which built on current practice to deliver the Council's key priorities and outcomes in a challenging financial climate.

The Council had commenced a programme of change through the Business Transformation Board. The Board's key successes related to workforce management, asset management and working practices resulting in revenue savings of over £1m and a £500k saving in capital costs to date.

Discussions had taken place with the Provost, Leader of the Council and the Leader of the Opposition on a proposed response to the Best Value Audit. The group agreed that a more holistic approach was required to move forward with the Council of the Future framework. In developing the framework consideration had been given to good practice in other organisations including a number of Councils in Scotland and England.

The Council of the Future framework would be launched in early 2017 and will involve engagement with the Council's workforce and relevant stakeholders.

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

- (1) note the work already undertaken by the Council in taking forward change and efficiency;
- (2) adopt the new change framework to implement the "Council of the Future", to deliver a programme of change over the next 3 to 5 years, and
- (3) note that an update report will be submitted to the Executive prior to the end of the financial year on implementation of the Council of the Future framework.

As an amendment, Councillor Meiklejohn, seconded by Councillor Coleman, moved that:-

Council agrees that a report providing more detail on the Council of the Future proposals is submitted to a future meeting of Council to be considered alongside Audit Scotland's Best Value findings.

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) – Provost Reid, Depute Provost Patrick; Baillie Paterson; Councillors Black, Blackwood, D Goldie, Gow, MacDonald, McLuckie, Mahoney, C Martin, Dr C R Martin, Murray, Nicol and Nimmo.

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

Decision

Council agreed the motion.