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Agenda Item

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Following the Public Pound – Public Protection

Falkirk Council

Title: Following the Public Pound – Public Protection
Meeting: Scrutiny Committee External
Date: November 2017
Submitted By: Director of Corporate and Housing Services

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report provides information under the Following the Public Pound arrangements for the period 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2017 for the Council's public protection outcome including alcohol, drugs and community justice.

2. Recommendation(s)

- 2.1 The Committee is invited to consider each organisation's report and select from the following options for each external organisation:
- 1) Approve the report and acknowledge progress by the external organisation in meeting Council priorities;
 - 2) Request further information be provided to them on specific aspects of the service provided; or
 - 3) Request a follow-up report for a subsequent Scrutiny External Committees consideration on specific aspects of the organisations performance or on the organisation as a whole.

3. Background

- 3.1 External organisations which receives funding from Falkirk Council are subject to formal monitoring, scrutiny and reporting. The organisations that receive funding to support our outcomes on public protection are from the third sector i.e. voluntary or charitable organisations.
- 3.2 These organisations are funded on the basis that they are able to provide services which could not readily be provided by the Council or have not been provided by the Council in the past.
- 3.3 As with other organisations, some were subject to a reduction in funding last year though not all. Whilst the long term value of the services provided by these organisations is acknowledged, reducing budgets for the Council have required a critical examination of how much support the Council can afford now and in future years.

- 3.4 The Committee has sought to understand the contribution that various organisations are making to achieve the priorities and outcomes that are of importance to the Council. This latter role is increasingly a focus for services given the need to reduce duplication, be consistent in service delivery across the Council area and to achieve a joined approach to service delivery.
- 3.5 Monitoring by officers takes the form of regular reports and meetings. Each monitoring statement, attached as appendices, provides an overview of the service funded by the Council, the agreed objectives or outcomes, performance information during the period and also a financial overview.
- 3.6 In public protection terms, the Council leads the Community Planning Partnership's Public Protection and Community Justice Chief Officers Group. The focus of this group is to oversee the delivery of the following outcome:

Our area will be a safer place to live.

- Take a much more comprehensive and integrated approach to support vulnerable adults
 - Further develop the information we use to resource the tasking & coordination process
 - Review Child protection procedures to ensure that neglect is included
 - Further develop the information we use to target Community Justice resources in the areas we agree are a priority for Falkirk
 - Improve access to services for people with convictions
 - Increase effectiveness of partner agencies in tackling issues such as antisocial behaviour, alcohol and drugs issues, hate crime and other emerging threats.
 - Encouraging our communities to participate in preparations for emergency events through community resilience.
- 3.7 The Chief Officers Group is supported to deliver on the outcome and tasks by a range of partnership groups including:
- The Community Justice Operational group
 - The Falkirk Drug and Alcohol Partnership
 - The Adult and Child Protection Committees
 - The Community Safety Partnership
 - Gender Based Violence Partnership
 - Multi-Agency Public Protection Arrangements

- 3.8 The organisations funded or monitored by the Council that support this outcome include:

Organisation	Monitoring Service	Annual Funding
SACRO (for two projects)	Children's Services	£100,664
Forth Valley Family Support	Corporate and Housing Services	£11,560
Committed to Ending Abuse (Falkirk & District Women's Aid)	Corporate and Housing Services	£17,5802
Central Scotland Fire and Rescue	Corporate and Housing Services	£4,798
Falkirk Bid District - Taxi Marshalling	Corporate and Housing Services	£20,000

- 3.9 In terms of this report, three organisations are not reported. These are:

- Forth Valley Family Support – this service is now tendered and thus its monitoring takes place as part of the contract monitoring process. The service was tendered in September 2017 with the contract ending August 2018. The Council monitors this service along with colleagues in other Councils and with NHS Forth Valley.
- Committed Against Abuse – as part of a review of services for people who have experienced trauma, the Executive agreed to undertake a review of the services this organisation provides. This review is about to commence with a report coming back to the Executive once that review is complete.
- Central Scotland Fire and Rescue – the funding provided falls below the £10k threshold for reporting. This will therefore be dealt with through the Council's Small Grants Scheme.

- 3.10 The SACRO monitoring report is included within the report on Children's Services elsewhere on the agenda for today's meeting.

- 3.11 Work is underway to look at funding provided under the Community Justice Partnership to determine if there are any other organisations that should be reported to Committee in future reports.

4. Implications

Financial

- 4.1 The funding allocated to each group is agreed by Council at its budget meeting in February each year. The information set out in this report should inform those decisions.

Resources

4.2 Nil.

Legal

4.3 Nil.

Risk

4.4 Following the Public Pound processes are designed to assess and mitigate risks to the Council of funding external organisations.

Equalities

4.5 The funding of each organisation will be subject to an EPIA over the course of the coming months.

Sustainability/Environmental Impact

4.6 Nil.

5. Conclusions

5.1 Members are asked to consider the projects reported and to determine any future reports or information they may want from Officers.

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Appendices

- Appendix One – Monitoring Statement for Taxi Marshalling

List of Background Papers:

The following papers were relied on in the preparation of this report in terms of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973:

None

FALKIRK COUNCIL
FOLLOWING THE PUBLIC POUND ANNUAL REPORTING STATEMENT 2017/18

Organisation Name	Falkirk Towns Ltd on behalf of the Falkirk Delivers BID
Project	Specialized Security Taxi Marshalling Service Safe Base initiative
Agreement Dates	1 st April 2017 to 31 st March 2018
Name of Monitoring Officer	Martin O'Neill

A OVERALL ORGANISATION AIMS

Summary of Key Aims & Objectives of Organisation

Falkirk Towns Ltd is funded through Falkirk Council's Community Safety Budget to provide a taxi marshalling service in Falkirk Town Centre with the aim of reducing the potential for alcohol related disorder and supporting the Council's priority of delivering Safer Communities. Falkirk Towns Ltd on behalf of the Falkirk BID commission Specialized Security to provide taxi marshalling at the Newmarket Street taxi rank on Friday and Saturday evenings throughout the year and over the festive period as part of the Safer Streets Campaign.

The aim of the taxi marshalling initiative is to manage and diffuse any potential opportunities for alcohol fuelled disorder at peak times within Falkirk Town Centre and consequently enhance the image of Falkirk Town Centre as a safe and enjoyable place to visit at night time.

Short, Medium and Long-term Objectives:

In the short term approximately 2000 night time economy users get home safely and quickly by using the Taxi Rank Marshalled Service each weekend, and in the year 2016/17 109,122 used the taxi marshal service in Newmarket Street. The residents of the town centre benefit from this type of project as it assists the reduction in the level of anti-social behaviour.

In the medium term the projects and services provided continue to be funded and delivered by all partners month to month.

As a direct result of partnership undertakings in the long term, people's perception of Falkirk Town Centre as a place to visit both day and night continues to improve. The long term approach adopted by the partnership means that people feel safer in the town centre, businesses are more willing to invest in the night time economy in the town centre, more visitors are attracted to the area and there is a reduction in anti-social behaviour and promotes Falkirk as a safe community.

What is the purpose of the funding provided by the Council?

The purpose of the taxi marshalling initiative is to make Falkirk Town Centre a safe and enjoyable place to visit at night time for residents, shoppers and visitors. During 2016/17, the provision continued to include reduced taxi marshalling at the Meadow Street taxi rank.

In the BID research process carried out in January/February 2016, the taxi-marshal initiative was recognised as a top three key objective by the businesses in Falkirk town centre, and has been included in the Falkirk Delivers Business Plan for 2016-2021. The launch of the 'Its Friendlier in Falkirk' strategy corresponded with the opening of City Nightclub, and is now showcased as best practice with other BIDs around the country.

Originally, the main element was the introduction of a seasonal Taxi Marshal Scheme, which proved highly successful with members of the public, the business community and the Police and continues to be a service that night-time economy users, taxi drivers and door stewards all find an integral part of the running of the town centre in the evening. Since the creation of the partnership, Falkirk Town Delivers Ltd continues to deliver a series of pro-active targeted projects aimed at improving Falkirk's night-time economy and user experience. By delivering innovative projects and services such as, weekly taxi-marshals at Newmarket Street taxi rank, a monthly Safe Zone, weekly Street Pastors, Best Bar None, Pubwatch, CCTV and Radiolink, the partnership has successfully contributed to the reduction in negative issues and outcomes.

Again in 2016, due to a funding application submitted by Falkirk Delivers to Network Rail for 500 night-time economy packs, they were issued throughout December 2016, which included flip-flops, lollipops, a bottle of water and a foil blanket. British Transport Police (BTP) and Network Rail are now key partners and Grahamston Railway Station has been added to the SafeZone Patrol area.

Why Does the Council Fund this?

The Taxi Marshalling initiative is geared towards Falkirk Council's corporate vision that is making Falkirk the 'Place to be'. In support of that vision the initiative also meets Falkirk Community Planning Partnership's Strategic Outcome & Local Delivery outcome that our area will be 'Our area will be a safer place to live.'

As a result of Falkirk Delivers' partnership, perceptions of Falkirk Town Centre as a safe place continue to improve. The long term approach adopted by the partnership means that people feel safer in the town centre, businesses are willing to invest in the night time economy in the town centre, more visitors are attracted to the area, and there is a reduction in anti-social behaviour. Falkirk Delivers has won the ATCM Developing the Night Time Economy Award and were again finalists for this category in 2016.

How long has the Council Funded this Organisation to Deliver this Service? When did the Council agree to fund this?

The Safe Base was developed in partnership with, Falkirk Delivers, Specialized Security; the Scottish Ambulance Service, British Red Cross, NHS Forth Valley, Police Scotland; Forth Valley and Falkirk's Alcohol and Drug Partnership; Signpost; Falkirk Council's Community Education Service; British Transport Police; Falkirk's Street Pastor initiative and ScotRail Alliance and staffed by representatives of the partnership. These partners have been working together in Falkirk for 8 years and this project has proved to be a successful venture with partners totally involved and committed both in the planning, delivery and evaluation of the service.

The project consists of on-street taxi marshalling, police patrols, ambulance patrols, voluntary first aid patrols, street pastor patrols and provision of a safe base to accommodate ambulance paramedic, voluntary first aid, drug/alcohol workers as well as a safe area for persons stranded either due to an injury or having failed to board last means of public transport and in need of shelter until transport can be arranged.

Set out the funding provided by the Council for the last five years.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Annual Funding</u>	<u>Support in Kind</u>	<u>One Off Support</u>
2013/14	Taxi Marshalls: £23,146	Falkirk Council provides in-kind support to Falkirk Delivers, in the form of the Safe Base venue.	

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2014/15	Taxi Marshalls: £30,000	Falkirk Council provides in-kind support to Falkirk Delivers, in the form of the Safe Base venue.	
2015/16	Taxi Marshalls: £20,000 for Newmarket Street (52 weeks on Fri. & Sat. nights) & Meadow Street (selected dates during festive period only) Safe Base: £10,000	Falkirk Council provides in-kind support to Falkirk Delivers, in the form of the Safe Base venue.	
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B SERVICE DELIVERY**What does the organisation deliver and to whom?**

Originally a seasonal initiative, the Taxi Marshalling service was extended to be an all year round activity – operating currently on a weekly basis from 2 separate town centre locations (Newmarket Street and Meadow Street). Three objectives of the projects delivered by Falkirk Delivers and partners that relate directly to taxi marshalling are:

- 1) Maintaining and encouraging additional footfall and spend in the town centre.
- 2) Reducing the fear of crime and changing people's perceptions.
- 3) Supporting the delivery of safer communities, short, medium and long term.

The provision of the Safe Zone/Safe Base contributes as follows;

- Reduced calls for service with regard to taxi disturbances
- Reduced number of crime reports raised
- Improved flow of congestion from premises on closure
- Improved marketing of Falkirk as a safe place to have "a night out"
- Improved perception of night time economy in the Falkirk area
- Reducing the fear of crime;
- Supporting the delivery of safer communities;
- Preserving and restoring public order; and
- Continuing to increase public reassurance

The Falkirk Delivers Team undertook a survey of night time economy users in January 2017, the findings were:

- 100% of people asked agreed that the permanent operation of the taxi marshal service changes people's perception of Falkirk for the better.
- 85.5% of people asked were aware of the project running throughout the December 2016 and periodically throughout the year.
- 98.7% thought the taxi marshal service enhanced the Night Time Economy sector.
- 23.7% of people asked were aged between 18 and 25, and 32.9% were aged between 35-45.

Newmarket Street Taxi Rank

- 52 weeks provision of taxi marshal service commencing 5th May 2017 to 28th April 2018:
 - 52 weeks cost at 'normal' time £484 per week (1 SIA Supervisor & 2 SIA Stewards) totalling £25,168
 - Seasonal holiday cover at double time for 6 nights + 2 additional stewards totalling £4728
 - Total = £29,896

Meadow Street Taxi Rank

Seasonal holiday cover at double time for 4 nights + 2 additional stewards totalling
Total = £3152

Radiolink : 2 x Safebase radios for one year - £900.00

Marketing and new signage: £2,000

Taxi Marshalling Grand total = £35,948

- Grand total for the project: £35,948
- **Total amount allocated to Taxi Marshalling from Falkirk Council: £20,000**
- Other Partners' contributions plus marketing and project management cost: £16,000

Safe Base

Total amount allocated to Safe Base operations from Falkirk Council: £10,000 (Excl. in-kind provision of Park Street 'safe base' venue)

Who and how many people directly benefit from the organisation?

The beneficiaries of project are the users of the night time economy in Falkirk town centre, both local residents and visitors from out with our area. Other key beneficiaries include town centre businesses both daytime and evening, taxi drivers, local town centre residents and the police.

Taxi Marshal Usage figures have increased year on year, the latest figures for Taxi Marshal usage figures have remained comparable year on year, the latest figures show in 2016/17 109,122 used the service. While this is a small decrease from the previous year it should be noted that the Meadow Street taxi rank ceased to operate on a monthly basis following the 2015 festive period. Instead the Meadow Street taxi rank operated only on selected dates during the festive periods.

2015/16 figures show that 112,342 used the service compared with 109,811 in 2014/15, between the hours of 10pm and 4am. The statistics have risen dramatically from previous years, in 2013/14 the end-of-year figures showed 66,653 users.

Approximately 2000 night time economy users get home safely and quickly by using the Taxi Marshalling service each weekend. The residents of the town centre benefit from these projects as they assist in reducing the level of anti-social behaviour. In addition, the service is having a positive impact on key town centre events such as Halloween. The bar and hospitality sectors have reported increased footfall at Halloween and have had to put on additional staff. Anecdotal feedback has attributed this to people feeling safer and willing to spend more time there.

Set out what other similar and or complementary services are provided which are similar in function or support the same client / communities.

There are no comparable services that provide a similar function or level of support. The initiative supports a number of key events including Halloween and Christmas events, the annual Pirate Parade, as well as events such as Falkirk Stadium concerts.

How does this organisation support the Council achieve its priorities?

The Safer Streets initiative exists primarily to improve the safety and security of night time users of Falkirk town centre. The cohort that uses the town centre at night, especially at weekends, comprises young men and women aged between 18 – 35 years old. However, records from the 2016 Christmas and New Year festive period show that one third of those who received treatment, advice or support from the British Red Cross were aged 41-65.

Town centre residents have benefitted from the managed crowd dispersal and reduced anti-social behaviour in Falkirk town centre resulting from the Safer Streets initiatives including, Safe Zone/Safe Base and Taxi Marshalling. The bar, club and hospitality sectors benefit from the year round taxi marshalling service. A Taxi marshal promotional poster was distributed to all major pubs/clubs/council buildings/large employers/both town centre shopping centres and businesses were encouraged to raise awareness of the scheme.

The Falkirk Delivers funding contribution of £16,000 supplements Council funding towards the Safer Streets project. The initiative benefits from a strong partnership approach comprising Falkirk Council, Police Scotland, Scottish Ambulance Service, British Red Cross, Signpost Recovery, Specialised Security, Forth Valley Alcohol and Drugs partnership, British Red Cross and town centre.

Are there any areas of improvement and efficiency that could be achieved?

Additional partners are actively being sought with specific skills set, knowledge and understanding of the issues arising across Falkirk town centre. Falkirk Delivers is being proactive in this regard especially in light of the expansion of the safer streets project to include day time initiatives. In addition, additional in-kind contributions will be sought from Safer Streets partners. For example, a local taxi company has taken a co-operative approach and does 'pick-ups' directly from the Safe Base at Park Street upon request. This avoids the need for volunteers to escort safe base users to the taxi rank which would reduce the level of cover at the Safe Base to deal with attendees.

Falkirk Towns Ltd is currently liaising with shopsafe (current radiolink provider) with a view to developing a digital application that would enable businesses to access information about the Safer Streets initiatives and publications. For example, town centre surveillance and intelligence data could be accessed legitimately and quickly to help reduce disturbances by persons who have been refused entry from one establishment from trying to gain access to another. The application would be free to those businesses that purchase the radio link.

Which areas does this service / organisation cover within the Council area – Be Specific.

This service covers the area of Falkirk Town centre; the area is restricted to the Business Improvement District (BID) boundary. More specifically, the designated area for Falkirk Safe Zone extends to the streets surrounding the marshalled Taxi Rank in Newmarket Street extending to the High Street and part Callendar Road in the south, Garrison Place in the north, Bellevue Street in the east including Meadow Street and Hope Street in the west. The following streets are within the designated area:

Upper Newmarket Street, Glebe Street, Melville Street, Vicar Street, Princes Street, Park Street, Bank Street, Manor Street, Wooser Street, High Street, Kirk Wynd, Lint Riggs, Hope Street, Callendar Road, Bellevue Street, Meadow Street, Garden Street, Garden Terrace, Orchard Street, Kerse Lane and Callendar Riggs and Grahamston Train Station.

Falkirk Towns Ltd is currently in discussions to formalise a link with the Warehouse nightclub in Bainsford. The Scottish Ambulance Service travels outwith the Falkirk town centre boundary to retrieve patients requiring non-emergency treatment that can be provided by qualified personnel at the Safe Base facility.

C ASSESMENT OF PERFORMANCE

Set out current agreed performance information alongside previous years and future years. If there is any benchmarking information provide that.

Taxi Marshal usage figures have remained comparable year on year, the latest figures show in 2016/17 109,122 used the service; in 2015/16 112,342 used the service compared and 109,811 in 2014/15, between the hours of 10pm and 4am. The statistics have risen dramatically from previous years where in 2013/14 66,653 were the year-end figures.

During the period of the Safe Base operation in 2016/17, over 150 contacts were made with members of the team, including Police Scotland, the British Red Cross and Street Pastors Falkirk. With funding and support from ScotRail Alliance, 250 Night Time Economy (NTE) Packs with bottled water, flip-flops, lollipops and foil blankets inside, were given out by volunteers to those in need. Twenty Seven clients were treated in the safe base. It is estimated that 24 possible A&E or ambulance call outs were averted and two missing persons found. The injuries or concerns ranged from fractured bones to facial and head injuries due to falls and alcohol intoxication.

There were also a reduced number of calls for Ambulances in Falkirk Town Centre and it is estimated that 24 possible A&E or Ambulance call outs were averted. People needing A&E did not have to go out with the area as they were dealt with within the Safe Base. Police Scotland estimate that to accompany an injured party to A&E will take approximately 4 hours per incident with 2 officers required to be present, saving Police Scotland approximately - £9792 (£51ph for a PC and £61ph for a PS). There were 24 calls to A&E averted saving the ambulance service - £6,868.80 (based on the National Average figure of £286.20). A & E treatments are approximately £153 per attendance, saving the NHS - £3672.

The estimated public sector fund savings in resourcing in the seven day period for Police Scotland and the Scottish Ambulance Service comes to £20,332.80.

Are there any aspects of performance that are causing concern or need to be improved? If so what are they and what are the plans for improvement?

Officers of the Council are working with the BID to expand the work of safer streets to include day time activities. However, it is not anticipated that this will mean the extension of taxi marshalling to day time. The extension to day time activity is predicated on the notion that this would combat daytime anti-social behaviour similar to what the safer streets initiative has done for the evening and night time economy. For example, an initiative that is being actively considered would see daytime street pastors patrolling during agreed hours.

Falkirk Towns Ltd published an impact report in 2016. It is expected that an annual report will be completed and submitted to Falkirk Council in Spring 2018.

When was the last time the service was reviewed and what plans are there to review this?

An Operating Policy for Safe Zone/Safe Base was produced and issued by Falkirk Towns Ltd in 2017 to ensure joint understanding between the partners of the process, responsibilities, security and operating arrangements for both taxi marshalling and safe base. A risk assessment was undertaken, with communications (town centre radio link) put in place to ensure contact between the various partners involved in the operation of the Safe Base/Safe Zone. Briefing and de-briefing sessions also take place as part of this process.

C FINANCIAL / RISK ASSESSMENT OVERVIEW**Set out Falkirk Council funding as a % of the organisations budget. Including financial and in kind contributions.**

Falkirk Council funding for the BID (£78,980 for the 2017/18 financial year) amounts to 30% of the organisation's budget. The remainder (£184,000 or 70%) is comprised of BID levies.

List other sources of funding the organisation has and how much is provided by source.**Safer Streets - Specialised Security Taxi Marshalling Service & Safe Base (6th May 2016 - 29th April 2017)****Total Funding:**

£35,824 (52 weeks provision of taxi marshal service commencing 6th May 2016 to 29th April 2017)

£10,000 (SafeBase contribution)

Partners & Contributions:

Falkirk Towns Ltd / Falkirk Delivers: **£16,000** (plus marketing and project management costs)
 Falkirk Council (Corporate & Housing Services, Community Safety Team, Community Learning & Development): **£19,824 (Taxi Marshalling); £10,000 (Safe Base at Park Street)**

Police Scotland Forth Valley Division

Scottish Ambulance Service

British Red Cross

Signpost Recovery

Falkirk Street Pastors

Specialised Security

Forth Valley Alcohol and Drug Partnership

British Transport police (BTP)

In-kind Contributions

Dates / Hours of Provision:

Number of Users of Taxi Marshall service: 403,000 from 2011-2015 (Approximately 2,000 users of the Taxi Rank Marshalled Service each weekend)

2016/2017 - 109,122

2015/2016 – 112,342

2014/2015 – 109,811

2013/2014 – 66,653

What is the amount of uncommitted reserves held by the organisation?

£16,000 is currently held company reserves to remain solvency of the organisation. In April 2017 Falkirk Delivers Board took the decision to grow the reserves by £10,000 within the next financial year in order to improve the solvency of the organisation.

<p>What proportion of operation cost do reserves represent?</p> <p>6%.</p>
<p><u>Last Period of Submitted Audited Accounts</u></p> <p>2016/17</p>
<p>What other services does the Council fund that are similar to this organisation including Council provision and to what level are those activities funded?</p> <p>-N/A-</p>
<p>Future sustainability- Are there ways in which the organisation can improve resilience and decrease the money required from the Council?</p> <p>The bar, club and hospitality sector benefits from the year round taxi marshalling service. It may be prudent to have a conversation with key stakeholders from those sectors around the future sustainability of the service and discuss options for maintaining or changing the service provision.</p> <p>Falkirk Towns Ltd is working in conjunction with partners to seek identify and seek out additional in-kind support options, for example additional street pastor provision and additional volunteers at the Safe Base facility. An example of the type of contribution that has been forthcoming is the cost-freeze that Specialised Security has put on their service provision since 2013 which has helped sustain and maintain existing levels of provision.</p>
<p>How can reductions in funding be achieved?</p> <p>Option 1) Withdraw the Meadow Street Taxi Marshalling service. This would result in a total cost saving of £4,604.</p> <p>Option 2) Reduce / remove Taxi Marshalling service on an agreed number of weekends. Newmarket St. provision costs £484 per week ('normal' time). Reduction of the service from 52 to 43 weeks would represent a saving of £4,356.</p> <p>Option 3) Potentially we could revert to a seasonal taxi marshalling service at Newmarket Street i.e. only during Halloween, Christmas and New Year. For example, seasonal holiday cover for taxi marshalling at Newmarket Street (at double time for 8 nights + 2 additional stewards) totals £6,304. Reduction of the service at Newmarket Street would result in a potential saving of £23,232.</p> <p>A combination of options 1 and 3 above could result in a potential savings of almost £28,000 to Falkirk Bid and thus reduce the Councils contribution to this scheme.</p>
<p>What is the risk to the Council if these services are not funded?</p> <p>The Council's priority for a vibrant town centre is potentially compromised if this service is withdrawn completely. However options to engage with the night-time economy to get them to contribute must be pursued.</p>
<p>Overall Risk Rating (Low/Medium/High) Please note this should note the risk to the Council not the organisation.</p> <p>Low</p>

D CONCLUSIONS	
Summary of the future activities of the organisation that will allow services to continue to be delivered.	
<p>The Falkirk Delivers Business Plan 2016-2021 shows that total funding of £279,000 is committed each year with a total fund of £1,395,000 required to deliver on the business plan over the five year period.</p> <p>Falkirk Towns Ltd is pursuing Purple Flag status and has ambitions to capitalise on the Forth Valley College redevelopment and expansion. The vision is that Falkirk could be well placed to benefit from an influx of students that could expand town centre living with the by-product being a thriving night time economy and improved town centre housing stock.</p>	
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