

FC39. Annual Report of the Chief Social Work Officer 2016 - 2017

Council considered the 2016/17 annual report by the Chief Social Work Officer. Council is required in terms of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968, to appoint a Chief Social Work Officer (CSWO) who, among other things, is required to prepare a report on the statutory, governance and leadership functions of the role for submission to the Scottish Government's Chief Social Work Advisor.

The report for 2016/17 provided an overview of how the CSWO's statutory responsibilities had been fulfilled.

In accordance with Standing Order 20.12 this report was open for general discussion notwithstanding that there was no division on it.

Decision

Council:-

- (1) noted the Chief Social Work Officer's Annual Report – 2016/17;**
- (2) agreed its submission to the Scottish Government and Integration Joint Board, and**
- (3) acknowledged the commitment, skills and experience of social work staff in continuing to deliver high quality services to Falkirk citizens.**