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FALKIRK COUNCIL

**Minute of meeting of Falkirk Council held in the Municipal Buildings,
Falkirk on Wednesday 6 December 2017 at 10.00 a.m.**

Councillors:

David Aitchison	Joan Coombes	Cecil Meiklejohn
David Alexander	Jim Flynn	Lynn Munro
David Balfour	Paul Garner	Laura Murtagh
Lorna Binnie	Dennis Goldie	Malcolm Nicol
Robert Bissett	David Grant	Alan Nimmo
Allyson Black	Nigel Harris	John Patrick
Jim Blackwood	Gordon Hughes	Pat Reid
Gary Bouse	James Kerr	Robert Spears
Billy Buchanan	Adanna McCue	Depute Provost Ann
Fiona Collie	John McLuckie	Ritchie

Officers:

Danny Cairney, Accountancy Services Manager
Fiona Campbell, Head of Policy, Technology & Improvement
Ian Dryden, Development Manager
Jack Frawley, Committee Services Officer
Rhona Geisler, Director of Development Services
Gary Greenhorn, Head of Planning & Resources
Iain Henderson, Legal Services Manager
Alexandra Lewis, Planning Officer
Joe McElholm, Head of Social Work Adult Services
Colin Moodie, Chief Governance Officer
Brian Pirie, Democratic Services Manager
Mary Pitcaithly, Chief Executive
Stuart Ritchie, Director of Corporate and Housing Services
Kenneth Short, Transport Planning Officer
Bryan Smail, Chief Finance Officer
Brent Vivian, Senior Planning Officer

**Also
Attending**

Damian Armstrong, Chief Inspector, Police Scotland
Maureen Campbell, Chief Executive, Falkirk Community Trust
Patricia Cassidy, Chief Officer, Falkirk Health & Social Care
Partnership
Martin Fotheringham, Superintendent, Police Scotland
Amanda Templeman, Chief Finance Officer, Falkirk Health &
Social Care Partnership

FC48. Tributes to Provost Coleman

This was the first meeting since the untimely death of Provost Coleman on 30 November 2017, the Leader of the Council spoke in memory of the Provost and then led the Council in a minute's silence. Councillors Goldie, Nicol, Spears, Buchanan and the Chief Executive then all spoke in memory of Provost Coleman.

FC49. Sederunt

The sederunt was taken by way of a roll call.

FC50. Declarations of Interest

Councillors Binnie, Buchanan, Coombes, Flynn and Meiklejohn each declared a non-financial interest in item FC64 as Directors of Falkirk Community Trust, but did not consider that this required them to recuse themselves from consideration of the item, having regard to the specific exclusions contained in the Code of Conduct.

Councillors Black, Collie and Meiklejohn each declared a non-financial interest in item FC64 as members of the Integration Joint Board but did not consider that this required them to recuse themselves from consideration of the item, having had regard to the specific exclusions contained in the Code of Conduct.

Councillor Patrick declared a non-financial interest in item FC64 relating to the Falkirk Community Trust but did not consider that this required him to recuse himself from consideration of the item.

FC51. Minutes and Information Bulletin

- (a) Meeting of special Falkirk Council held on 15 September 2017 - agreed as a correct record.**
- (b) Minute of Meeting of Falkirk Council held on 20 September 2017.**
- (c) Minute of special Falkirk Council held on 20 October 2017.**
- (d) Volume of Minutes Volume 2 2017/2018 - noted.**
- (e) Information Bulletin Volume 2 2017/2018- noted.**

FC52. Order of Business

In terms of Standing Order 14.2 the Depute Provost advised of a change to the order of business. The following items have been recorded in the order they were considered at the meeting.

FC53. Questions

In terms of Standing Order 32, written questions may be submitted to the Leader of the Council and/or portfolio holders on any matters relating to business transacted at any meeting of the Executive or Education Executive since the last Volume of Minutes was published or to the Provost on civic and related matters.

The Questions put to the Leader of the Council and Environment Portfolio Holder and their answers are recorded in appendix 1.

FC54. Rolling Action Log

The rolling action log showing progress on outstanding actions from previous meetings was presented.

Decision

Council agreed to remove from the action log the items on Police Scotland Local Policing Plan 2017 – 2020 (ID 384) and Motion – Provost’s Award for Bravery (ID 385) as they were subject of reports included on the agenda for the meeting and this completed the action.

FC55. Deputation

The Depute Provost advised that a deputation request had been made by the Falkirk Festival Chorus also on behalf of Caledonian Choir and Tryst Orchesters to be heard. The Depute Provost confirmed that the request had been made in accordance with Standing Orders. Council agreed to hear the deputation.

Douglas Peters addressed the Council, following which members asked questions of him and other members of the deputation. Members also sought information from the Chief Executive of Falkirk Community Trust in response to points raised by the deputation. The Depute Provost thanked the deputation for addressing Council.

Decision

Council noted the submissions made by the deputation.

FC56. Referral – Executive 28 November 2017 Treasury Management – Interim Review 2017/18

Council considered a report by the Director of Corporate and Housing Services referring the Treasury Management Interim Review 2017/18 for consideration.

Council had approved its Treasury Management Strategy for 2017/18 on 29 March 2017. The Treasury Management code of practice requires that an interim review is carried out. The Interim Review was considered by the Executive on 28 November 2017 and was referred to Council for consideration.

The report provided an update in regard to:-

- the economic and interest rate outlook
- the borrowing strategy
- the investment strategy
- Treasury Management Prudential Indicators
- the banking contract
- the Prudential Code
- Treasury Management Advisers
- Market in Financial Instruments Directive II, and
- Member Training.

The report also provided benchmarking information which showed that Falkirk Council was 18th out of 32 Scottish Local Authorities in regard to investment balances at 30 September 2017.

Decision

Council noted the:-

- (1) progress of the Council's Treasury Management Strategy for 2017/18, and**
- (2) reduction in the long term borrowing requirement for 2017/18.**

FC57. Scrutiny Plan

Council considered a report by the Director of Corporate and Housing Services referring a draft scrutiny plan for approval. The Scrutiny Committee considered a number of potential areas for inclusion in the scrutiny plan at its meeting on 30 November 2017. For 2018 the Committee recommended that the topics included were: fly tipping, housing allocations, and anti-social behaviour. The Committee also identified pupil equity funding, and community involvement in service delivery as potential topics for the 2019 scrutiny plan.

Decision

Council:-

(1) agreed that the Scrutiny Plan for the coming year comprise the following three topics:-

- **fly tipping;**
- **housing allocations;**
- **anti social behaviour, and**

(2) noted the following topics as potential items for consideration in 2019:-

- **pupil equity fund, and**
- **community involvement in delivery of services.**

FC58. Police Scotland Local Police Plan – 2017 to 2020

Council considered a report by the Chief Executive which presented, as an appendix the draft Local Policing Plan for 2017 – 2020. The report also provided information on the Council's scrutiny arrangements against which Police Scotland would be held to account for the delivery of the plan.

Locally Police Scotland has a duty to prepare and submit a local policing plan for consideration by Council. The plan attached to the report was submitted by the divisional commander for Forth Valley, Chief Superintendent Thom McLoughlin, the Local Commander.

The plan had been developed to reflect the Community Planning Partnership's Strategic Outcomes and Local Delivery Plan with areas of local focus, including:-

- **violence, disorder and anti social behaviour**
- **acquisitive crime**
- **hate crime**
- **road crime and road safety.**

Officers from Police Scotland had held a briefing with elected members on 15 November 2017 on the local policing plan.

The Local Commander submits a performance report to the Council's Scrutiny (External) Committee twice a year which sets out:-

- performance and progress on the local plan
- any additional information requested by the Committee

The Committee had specifically highlighted a number of local issues including parking enforcement, traffic management in relation to parades and processions, enforcement of stray dogs and CCTV.

Decision

Council approved the Falkirk Local Policing Plan 2017 – 2020.

FC59. Review of Polling Districts: Ward 1 – Bo'ness and Blackness

Council considered a report by the Chief Executive which sought approval for a change to the boundary between two polling districts in Ward 1 – Bo'ness and Blackness following completion of a housing development.

The Electoral Registration Officer for Central Scotland requires clarification of polling districts for all new housing developments. The existing boundary between polling districts LE106 and LE135 crossed through the development at Charles Snedden Avenue and Muirhead Crescent. In order to have all electors in this housing development within the same polling district it was proposed that these electors were allocated to Bo'ness Recreation Centre, as set out in appendix 1 to the report.

Decision

Council agreed to change the boundary between polling districts LE106 and LE135 in Ward 1 – Bo'ness and Blackness to allow the Charles Snedden Avenue and Muirhead Crescent development to sit within LE106, with all electors allocated to Bo'ness Recreation Centre.

FC60. Boundary Commission for Scotland: 2018 Review of UK Parliament Constituencies – Summary of Revised Proposals

Council considered a report by the Chief Executive which provided a summary of the revised proposals for UK Parliament constituencies for the council area following the Boundary Commission for Scotland's review of its initial proposals. The report invited Council to make representation to the Commission by the consultation deadline of 11 December 2017 on the proposals if so minded.

The Boundary Commission for Scotland (the Commission) started its 2018 Review of UK Parliament Constituencies in February 2016, with the aim of reducing Scotland's current 59 constituencies to 53. The electoral quota was 74,769 with the aim to have every constituency within 5% of this figure, i.e. between 71,031 and 78,507.

The Commission's proposals present a Falkirk South constituency, and a shared constituency with Stirling, to be named Stirling and Falkirk North. A map showing these proposals was appended to the report.

The proposed Falkirk South constituency would have the fewest electors in Scotland at 71,118, which Stirling and Falkirk North had an electorate of 71,177. These constituencies had been produced using the 2007 ward boundaries to aggregate up to the proposed electoral quotas.

Decision

Council:-

- (1) noted the implications of the proposals by the Boundary Commission for Scotland, and**
- (2) agreed to make the following representation to the Boundary Commission for Scotland regarding the proposals:-**

“Council is of the opinion that the current council ward boundary between wards 5 & 7 should be used to separate the Falkirk South and Stirling & Falkirk North constituencies, with the effect that all of ward 7 (Falkirk South) would be included in the Falkirk South constituency.

Council acknowledges that this would result in Stirling and Falkirk North being short of parity and understands that other electors will require to be included in this constituency to redress this.”.

FC61. Provost's Award

Council considered a report by the Chief Executive which provided a draft scheme for the Provost's award which Council agreed to establish at its meeting on 20 September 2017. The draft scheme was prepared following consultation with Councillors Meiklejohn, Goldie, Patrick and Reid.

It was proposed that the scope of the award was broadened from acts of outstanding public bravery to allow recognition of outstanding or exception achievement in a chosen field within the following criteria.

The award may be made to resident, former residents or individuals working in the Council area for:-

- outstanding bravery
- exceptional contribution to the community
- exceptional contribution to the promotion of the area locally, nationally or internationally
- excellence in a chosen field, such as academia, the Arts, business, culture, science, sport or the voluntary sector
- other exceptional acts or achievements which the recognition panel deem appropriate.

Nominations could be submitted to the Provost's Office or through MyFalkirk. The recognition panel would comprise the Provost and Group Leaders with advice provided by the Chief Executive or her nominees. Recipients will receive the Provost's Award and commemorative certificate with award ceremonies held as required with all members invited to attend.

Decision

Council agreed to approve the Provost's Award scheme as set out in paragraph 4.3 of the report.

FC62. Execution of Deeds

Council considered a report by the Director of Corporate and Housing Services detailing those deeds that had been signed and sealed on behalf of the Council since the last meeting.

Decision

Council noted the signing of the deeds listed in the appendix to the report.

FC63. Amendment to Integration Scheme for Health & Social Care

Council considered a report by the Director of Corporate and Housing Services advising of legislative changes that required a revision of the Integration Scheme for Health & Social Care and to seeking agreement to proceed with the amendment.

The Integration Scheme was agreed between the Council and NHS Forth Valley Health Board and subsequently approved by Scottish Ministers is the core document that establishes the Integration Joint Board (IJB). It governs the range of functions delegated to the IJB by the Council and the Health Board. The Carer (Scotland) Act 2016 would come into force in April 2018 and this required consideration of which of the functions under the Act should be delegated to the IJB.

Prior to agreement of any revisions to the Scheme a statutory consultation exercise would be undertaken and any views expressed would be reported to the next meeting of Council. The proposed revisions to the list of delegated functions were appended to the report.

Decision

Council agreed:-

- (1) to note the legislative changes set out in the report, and**
- (2) that statutory consultees are advised of the proposed amendment of the Scheme and that any comments from the consultees are reported back to Council at its next ordinary meeting.**

Council agreed to an adjournment at 12.40pm for lunch and reconvened with all members present as per the sederunt at 1.30pm.

FC64. Revenue Budget 2018/19 & 2019/2020

Council considered a report by the Director of Corporate and Housing Services which provided an update on a wide range of budget matters including the identification of further savings options by officers. The report also included business cases for both the Falkirk Community Trust and the Integration Joint Board. The report invited Council to take a provisional decision on the level of Council Tax.

Council agreed to an adjournment at 2.10pm and reconvened at 2.40pm with all members present as per the sederunt with the exception of Councillor Blackwood.

At this point Councillor Black declared a non-financial interest in item FC67 as a member of NHS Forth Valley Health Board which had submitted a late letter of objection to the application of which she had just become aware.

At this point Councillor Patrick advised, in reference to his earlier declaration, that a family member had a financial interest in this item as an employee of Falkirk Community Trust and stated that he would recuse himself from consideration. In line with his declaration of interest Councillor Patrick left the meeting at this point.

Decision

Council agreed:-

- (1) to note the UK's Budget and the COSLA "Fair Funding for Essential Services" paper;**
- (2) to note the increase in the 2018/19 budget gap to £25m;**
- (3) to note the preview of the Local Government Financial Settlement;**
- (4) to note the update on public engagement;**
- (5) to note the update on workforce matters;**
- (6) in principle the approach proposed by officers in relation to external organisations, particularly not just a blanket percentage reduction, noting that any proposal that emerges from this exercise to be conducted by officers will be carefully considered in light of any impacts of the proposals on those receiving services;**
- (7) that the additional officer savings options, set out in paragraph 4.7.2 of the report, go out for consultation;**
- (8) to recognise that the Employment and Training Unit is not a statutory service, but in acknowledging the successful work it has done in enabling young people into training and employment and as a result being the only local authority awarded the contract to deliver the Scottish Government Fair Start programme, agree to the proposed changes to the savings options for the Employment and Training Unit and Fairer Falkirk described in paragraphs 4.7.4 and 4.7.5 of the report;**
- (9) in principle to the Council Tax being raised by 3% with the final decision to be taken at the budget setting meeting on 20 February 2018;**

**In reference to the Trust Business Plan recommendations,
Council:-**

- (1) noted the income growth proposals and income projections set out in paragraph 4.2 of the Business Plan subject to continuing discussions with the organisations involved with the Bairn's Christmas to support them to identify a suitable date and venue;**
- (2) agreed the changes and modifications to the facilities outlined in paragraph 4.3 of the Business Plan to facilitate the achievement of the income targets in these sites;**
- (3) noted the use of £245,000 from the Trust unrestricted reserves as outlined in paragraph 4.5 of the Business Plan;**
- (4) approved the various initiatives to tackle the reduction in funding through service efficiencies and reductions as outlined in section 5 and in appendix 2 to the Business Plan with the exception of the facilities listed in paragraph 5.5 of the Business Plan and agreed to request that these are reviewed with a view to further consideration of the potential for community asset transfer for these facilities;**
- (5) agreed the approach to fees and charges for 2018/19 as outlined in section 6 of the Business Plan;**
- (6) agreed the capital proposals for 2018/19 as outlined in section 7 of the Business Plan;**
- (7) agreed the Helix Business Plan for 2018/19;**
- (8) agreed to prepare and implement a joint communications plan for stakeholders and communities in respect of the proposals to withdraw from the facilities identified in section 5 of the Business Plan, and**
- (9) did not support the closure of 2 libraries and requested that the Trust give further consideration as to how the saving could be achieved through reduced hours/days, and co-location of other services with libraries.**

**In reference to the Integration Joint Board Business Case 2018/19,
Council:-**

- (1) noted that the proposals of £2.3m of savings brought forward by the IJB to date fall short of the £4m that was originally requested;**

- (2) agreed that there should be no closure of care homes but requested that the IJB gives further consideration to its proposals, to look at alternatives reaching to £3m, and
- (3) agreed to express concerns to the IJB in regard to its proposals in regard to charges and asks the IJB to look at different options in relation to charging and requested fuller and further information prior to taking a decision in February 2018.

Councillor Patrick re-joined the meeting following consideration of the previous item of business.

FC65. Appointment to Planning Committee

Council considered a report by the Director of Corporate and Housing Services which informed Council of the resignation of Councillor Nicol from the Planning Committee. Council was invited to fill the resultant vacancy.

At its meeting of 24 May 2017 Council agreed the political composition of committees. the Planning Committee had 12 places with 5 places allocated to the SNP, 4 to Labour and 3 to the Conservatives. The vacancy which had arisen fell to be filled by a member of the Conservative group.

Decision

Council:-

- (1) noted the resignation of Councillor Nicol from the Planning Committee;
- (2) agreed to amend the proportionality of the Planning Committee to:-

SNP	5
Labour	4
Conservative	2
Independent	1
- (3) agreed to appoint Councillor Buchanan to the position reserved for an Independent member on the Planning Committee.

FC66. Motion

Universal Credit

Council considered the following motion by Councillor Collie, seconded by Councillor Murtagh, that:-

Council notes with serious concern the potential impact of the roll out of Universal Credit in the Falkirk area from March 2018 which will put more local families in debt. There are currently 603 council tenants (737 householders) who are in receipt of Universal Credit. The total rent owed by these tenants has increased by over £130k since they first applied for Universal Credit, mirroring the experience of other Scottish Local Authorities where at least 80% of claimants are in arrears.

It is anticipated that around half of all claimants of Universal Credit will be worse off than they would have been on the legacy benefits.

Council therefore asks officers to bring a report to the Executive early in the New Year indicating the potential impacts on local people, including tenants and on council resources along with interventions that might be put in place to mitigate the impact and prevent homelessness.

Councillor Nicol, asked the mover of the motion to amend its terms by agreeing that the requested report be submitted to Council.

Following discussion, Councillor Collie, as mover of the motion with the consent of Councillor Murtagh, as her seconder, and the Depute Provost as Convener, altered the text of the motion accordingly.

Decision

Council agreed the adjusted motion.

Councillor Alexander left the meeting during consideration of the previous item of business.

In line with her earlier declaration of interest Councillor Black left the meeting prior to consideration of the following item of business.

FC67. Mixed Use Development to Include a Mixed Tenure Care Village: Including Residential Care Home, Retirement Housing, Supported Housing Units and a Hotel all with Associated Services, Landscaping and Infrastructure at Land to the North of Manor House, Maddiston, Falkirk, for ERM Ltd – P/16/0756/PPP

Council considered a report by the Director of Development Services on an application for a major development seeking planning permission in principle for a mixed use development consisting of a mixed tenure care village, a hotel, and associated services, landscaping and infrastructure. The proposed uses were:-

- 1.5 to 2 storey retirement housing (indicative number 60 flats)
- 1.5 storey amenity and community assisted dwellinghouses (indicative number 56 units)
- 2 to 3 storey residential care home (indicative number of beds 80)
- 3 storey hotel (indicative number of rooms 30)

Councillor Hughes, seconded by Councillor Bouse, moved that Council accepts the recommendation for refusal, for the reasons as set out in section 8.1 of the report.

As an amendment, Councillor McLuckie, seconded by Councillor Bissett, moved in substitution for the motion that Council indicate that it is minded to grant planning permission in principle subject to:-

- (a) the satisfactory completion of a planning obligation within the terms of section 75 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 in terms satisfactory to the Director of Development Services in respect of:-
 - (i) the provision of affordable housing;
 - (ii) the provision of a private bus service;
 - (iii) the provision of a new bridge crossing of the Union Canal;
 - (iv) the occupancy of the proposed residential units, and
 - (v) addressing any shortfall identified in the capacity of NHS Forth Valley Services to accommodate the development
- (b) and thereafter, on the conclusion of the foregoing matters, remit to the Director of Development Services to grant planning permission in principle subject to conditions as deemed fit by the Director of Development Services.

Reason

Significant weight is afforded to the potential benefits of the proposed development, including those detailed at paragraph 7c.2 of the report, to justify grant of the application contrary to the terms of the local development plan.

In terms of Standing Order 22.1, the vote was taken by roll call, there being 26 members present with voting as undernoted:-

For the motion (10) – Councillors Balfour, Bouse, Collie, Garner, Hughes, McCue, Meiklejohn, Murtagh, Reid, and Spears.

For the amendment (15) – Depute Provost Ritchie; and Councillors Aitchison, Binnie, Bissett, Buchanan, Flynn, Goldie, Grant, Harris, Kerr, McLuckie, Munro, Nicol, Nimmo, and Patrick.

Abstention (1) – Councillor Coombes.

Decision

Council agreed the amendment.

Councillor Goldie left the meeting at this point.

Councillor Black re-joined the meeting at this point.

FC68. Exclusion of Public

Council agreed, in terms of s.50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 to exclude the press and public from the meeting for the following item of business on the ground that they would involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 11 & 12 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A to the said Act.

Councillor Garner declared the financial interest of a family member in item FC69 who was a claimant and left the meeting prior to consideration of the next item.

Councillor Kerr declared the financial interest of two family members in item FC69 who were claimants and left the meeting prior to consideration of the next item.

Councillor Nimmo declared the financial interest of a family member in item FC69 who was an employee of the Council and left the meeting prior to consideration of the next item.

FC69. Equal Pay Update

Council considered a report by the Director of Corporate and Housing Services which provided an update on negotiations relative to equal pay claims.

Decision

This item is exempt from publication on the grounds that it would be involve the disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 11 and 12 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A to the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

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Questions Under Standing Order 32

Standing Order 32 enables Councillors to put questions to the Leader of the Council or the relevant portfolio holder on matters transacted at a meeting of the Executive or the Education Executive, or to the Provost on civic matters, during the preceding cycle. The table below details the questions asked and answered at the meeting.

A recording of the meeting, including the questions asked and full responses can be found at

<http://www.falkirk.gov.uk/services/council-democracy/councillors-decision-making/committees/falkirk-council-audio/06-december-2017.aspx>

Order Taken:	Question 1	Committee and Minute Reference: Executive – 28 November 2017 (EX61)
Report Title: Community Council Elections 2017 Update		
Question Given the disappointing response to the call for nominations to membership of Community Councils, does the Leader of the Council plan to have a review of the Scheme of Establishment of Community Councils? Councillor Reid		
Answer I took sometime as there had been some discussion on this and I did a little bit of research as there had been a PDP set up in 2013-2014 to look at Community Councils and the review of that, it reported in August 2014. However this appears to have dropped off the agenda. It is probably a good opportunity to have a look at the review at this point in time, however we have		

to take cognizance of the Local Government Review which is ongoing which may well have an impact on Community Councils. But I am more than happy that we bring back a report to the Executive on a review of the Scheme of Establishment of Community Councils which could well re-establish the work of the previous Policy Development Panel and look at how we move forward in the future. Just to make members aware that that's not going to impact where we are now in this moment in time. The nomination process has went back out to all Community Councils, even those where we had no interest, not just where we have had existing Community Councils previously but across the board. That process will go through before any new process and any new scheme would have to be consulted on and it will take a period of time to go through that, but more than happy to ask officers to bring a report to the Executive taking into account the information initially gathered from the initial PDP and establish something similar.

Councillor Meiklejohn

**Order
Taken:**

**Question
2**

**Committee and Minute Reference: Executive –
28 November 2017 (EX65)**

Report Title: Strategic Property Review & Civic Headquarters Project Update Report

Question

Does the Leader of the Council have details of the location of the proposed Central Hub and the plans for the relocation of staff from the Bainsford and Camelon one-stop offices?

Councillor Reid

Answer

Council has been investigating a number of possible locations for the central hub and pieces of work have been carried out on the feasibility and the costs relating to them and it's not expected to open till late 2018. In the meantime there has been an extension of the one stop-shop lease in Callendar Square, for another year and staff from Camelon will relocate to Callendar Square and to the forum. Staff will be working more on an appointment based basis out within the communities within their

housing patches. Staff from Camelon have been advised of these moves and indeed have been supported. There is currently work looking to establish a spoke with use of the Advisory Centre and Mariner Centre and wherever there would be a drop in opportunity for people which would be advertised. The Housing office in Bainsford has not been due to close till later next year therefore no plans have been put in place for staff moves at that time. We will seek to have a final location for the central hub by then and look to facilitate that move.

Councillor Meiklejohn

Supplementary Question

Staff in Camelon have been advised of that move. When will the spoke be advertised?

Councillor Reid

Answer

Through you Depute Provost we want to do a community consultation over the next few weeks to identify 3 or 4 possible options for the spoke arrangements. When we have that we will write back to all our customers in the Camelon area. Very much like the arrangements we made in for the East, we very much want to involve the local communities in the consultation.

Stuart Ritchie

**Order
Taken:**

**Question
3**

Committee and Minute Reference: Executive – 28 November 2017 (EX66)

Report Title: Household Recycling Charter: Compliant Collection Service

Question

While the extra funding is welcome, could the Convener of Environment advise the Council when the further investigation of all options is to be completed?

Councillor Reid

Answer

I explained it all, albeit a bit briefly, at the Executive Committee. I know you were in attendance but you may have left before that came up. Where a full report was presented, that we the current admin are currently looking at all options, and I'm sure you would agree that this is the best policy for finding which model suits our area and service best. Some other councils have adopted a Household Recycling Charter Compliant Collection Service, and we are awaiting feedback. The coming charter compliant service is looking at the best ways to reduce waste going to landfill. I'm sure the young adults behind us in the gallery would agree with that. We are looking at this from two angles as well, one in relation to cost and the other is helping the environment. So to quote from the motion from the executive last week "the executive welcomes the report which is based on the Charter Compliant PDP from 2015, agrees to further investigate all options and awaits feedback from other councils who are currently adopting a Charter Compliant Service and identify best fit for our residents and area". So in short we still have work to be done and we'll inform the council when this work is done.

Councillor Garner

Supplementary Question

If I'm correct, and reading the report I do stand to be corrected. No matter which option is chosen there will be one additional receptacle whether that be a box or a bin. If that is the case?

Councillor Reid

Answer

No you are incorrect. All options are still on the table sorry and, the money we are getting just now and the money we have been offered is for an additional container. There is other options such as the layered container which some councils are using just now. It will be good to get feedback on that to see if it is working as well as they hope so. Flatted properties won't come into that.

Councillor Garner