



Agenda Item 3

Minute

FALKIRK COUNCIL

**Minute of meeting of the EXECUTIVE held within the Municipal Buildings,
Falkirk on Tuesday 13 February 2018 at 9.30 a.m.**

Councillors:	David Alexander	Adanna McCue
	Gary Bouse	Cecil Meiklejohn (Convener)
	Fiona Collie	Alan Nimmo
	Paul Garner	John Patrick
	Gordon Hughes	Robert Spears

Officers:

Richard Broadley, Planning & Environment Manager
Ross Fenwick, Waste Strategy Co-ordinator
Jack Frawley, Committee Services Officer
Rhona Geisler, Director of Development Services
David Mackay, Head of Education
Gayle Martin-Brown, Education Support Officer
Colin Moodie, Chief Governance Officer
Stuart Murray, Graduate Trainee Governance
Mary Pitcaithly, Chief Executive
Stuart Ritchie, Director of Corporate & Housing Services
Bryan Smail, Chief Finance Officer

EX83. Apologies

An apology was intimated on behalf of Councillor Goldie.

EX84. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

EX85. Minute

Decision

The minute of the meeting of the Executive held on 9 January 2018 was approved.

EX86. Rolling Action Log

A rolling action log detailing decisions not yet implemented following the previous meeting on 9 January 2018 was provided. Items 285 – Consultative Draft – Historic Environment Strategy for Falkirk; 319 – Sale of former Torwood School site, Torwood, near Larbert; 386 – Community Council Elections 2017 Update, and 388 – Household Recycling Charter: Compliant Collection Service were the subject of reports on the agenda and accordingly fell from the action log.

Decision

The Executive noted the rolling action log.

EX87. Order of Business

In terms of Standing Order 14.2(i), the Convener advised of a variation to the order of business from that detailed on the agenda for the meeting. The following items have been recorded in the order that they were taken.

EX88. Gaelic Language Plan

The Executive considered a report by the Director of Children's Services which provided, as an appendix, the second iteration of Falkirk's draft Gaelic Language Plan for submission to Bòrd na Gàidhlig prior to public consultation.

All local authorities and public bodies were legally required to create a Gaelic Language Plan which would be reviewed every 5 years resulting in the adoption of a new plan. The plan outlined how the Council would support and increase Gaelic language and culture.

The first iteration of the plan had been implemented in March 2013 and the second iteration was due for approval by Bòrd na Gàidhlig on 5 March 2018. Following approval of the plan by Bòrd na Gàidhlig a 6 week public consultation.

Decision

The Executive agreed the Falkirk draft Gaelic Language Plan.

EX89. Historic Environment Strategy for Falkirk 2017

The Executive considered a report by the Director of Development Services which provided, as an appendix, the finalised Historic Environment Strategy for Falkirk 2017 following a process of external consultation.

Consultation on the draft strategy had taken place between 19 April 2017 and 31 May 2017. Consultation responses were received from:-

- Scottish Natural Heritage
- Historic Environment Scotland
- The Falkirk Townscape Heritage Initiative
- Reddingmuirhead and Wallacestone Community Council
- Falkirk Community Trust
- 18 Members of the public.

Decision

The Executive approved the finalised Historic Environment Strategy for Falkirk.

EX90. Waste Services: Update

The Executive considered a report by the Director of Development Services which provided an update in relation to the processing and disposal of the Council's waste and recycling material.

Feedback had been sought from other Councils on their waste services arrangements. Details of the collection services provided by other Councils were contained in an appendix to the report. The report highlighted that:-

- Every Council provided at least one bin as part of the collection service
- 18 Councils provided 3 bins
- 10 Councils provided 4 bins
- 9 Councils used at least one box-type container as part of the service
- 17 Councils had a separate caddy for food waste collection
- 13 Councils have mixed garden and food waste
- 5 Councils provided a charter compliant service

Decision

The Executive:-

- (1) noted the contents of the report and what other Council's are doing in relation to Charter Compliant Collection Services, and**
- (2) agreed to request that the Director of Development Services develop another Charter Compliant Collection Service which best suits our needs.**

EX91. Community Council Elections 2017 Update

The Executive considered a report by the Chief Executive which set out the results of the extended nomination period for those community councils which failed to secure the 2/3 nomination level required to form in November 2017. An extended nomination period ran until 18 December 2017 advertised on the Council website and twitter pages. Banknock, Blackness and Shieldhill & California community councils all formed as a result of the extended nomination period.

Grahamstone, Middlefield and Westfield, and Reddingmuirhead and Wallacestone had secured sufficient nominations to fill 2/3 of their membership, and with Executive approval, could form with the remaining places filled by co-option. Larbert, Stenhousemuir and Torwood would also meet the 2/3 level if 2 late nominations were accepted, the Executive was invited to determine whether or not to accept these nominations.

Following discussion at the meeting of Council on 6 December 2017, the Executive was also invited to consider re-establishing the policy development panel on community councils.

Decision

The Executive:-

- (1) noted the outcome of the extended nomination process for the 2017 community council elections;**
- (2) noted the formation of the 3 community councils referred to in paragraph 4.2 with effect from 18 December 2017;**
- (3) agreed to permit the formation of the 2 community councils referred to in paragraph 4.3 with the remaining vacancies being filled by co-option;**
- (4) agreed to accept the late nominations received in respect of the Larbert, Stenhousemuir and Torwood community council and allow the community council to form with the remaining vacancies being filled by co-option;**
- (5) noted that the 8 remaining community councils referred to in paragraph 4.4 have not formed as part of the 2017 nomination process, and**
- (6) agreed to re-establish the policy development panel on community councils to conclude its work and consider any further changes necessary to the Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils. The membership of the Panel would be 5 with 3 members drawn from the Administration and 2 from the Opposition.**

EX92. Capital Programmes Update 2017/18

The Executive considered a report by the Director of Corporate and Housing Services which provided details of the forecast position for the General Fund Services and Housing Capital Programmes. It also presented the Prudential Indicators for information.

Decision

The Executive noted the:-

- (1) forecast spend for both the General Fund Services (£32.9m) and Housing Capital Programmes (£32.6m);**
- (2) reduced external borrowing requirement for Capital Programme purposes, and**

(3) Prudential Indicators.

EX93. Falkirk Tax Incremental Finance Initiative – update report

The Executive considered a report by the Director of Development Services which provided an update on the Falkirk Tax Incremental Financing Initiative (TIF) including progress with the Falkirk Gateway marketing, Healthier Greener Falkirk project and Gateway/TIF developer proposals.

During marketing of the Gateway GVA, the Council's agent, highlighted the need for the Council to establish a framework of development partners for various projects. This would help expedite delivery of any of these projects as required. The developer framework covered each of the following project sizes:-

- Less than £5m
- Between £5m and £20m
- Between £20m and £50m
- Over £50m.

The Council's 'Healthier Greener Falkirk' funding application to the Low Carbon Travel & Transport Fund had been approved. The project aimed to encourage more active travel trips and reduce carbon emissions from conventional motor travel. The initiative involved establishment of two complementary 'Hub' facilities in the town centre and at Falkirk Community Stadium in order to accommodate this a revision to the ground lease arrangement at Falkirk Community Stadium was required.

Decision

The Executive:-

- (1) noted the update of progress of the Falkirk TIF Initiative;**
- (2) agreed that legal agreements be concluded in appropriate terms with the developers listed in Appendix 1 for the establishment of a developer framework for the Falkirk Gateway/TIF;**
- (3) agreed the revised implementation schedule for TIF projects as outlined in appendix 2, and**
- (4) agreed to a revision of the ground lease arrangement with Falkirk Football Club at the Falkirk Community Stadium as outlined in paragraph 4 to enable delivery of the low carbon vehicle hub and increased football pitch provision at the site.**

EX94. Exclusion of Public

The Executive agreed in terms of section 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 it would involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 9 of part 1 of schedule 7A to the said Act.

EX95. Sale of former Torwood School site, near Larbert and former Seabegs Road Depot Site, Bonnybridge

The Executive considered a report by the Director of Development Services which sought transfer of the former Torwood school site to Corporate & Housing Services and agreement on how to proceed regarding disposal or transfer of the former Seabegs Road Depot site.

Decision

The Executive agreed:-

- (1) to transfer the former Torwood school site to Corporate & Housing Services to facilitate Council housing development, at a price of £600,000, subject to verifiable site specific abnormal costs that arise, and**
- (2) that the Director of Development Services investigate the feasibility of splitting the Seabegs Road site to accommodate both Corporate & Housing Services and Storage UK interests and report back on the implications.**