

FC76. Universal Credit

Council considered a report by the Director of Corporate and Housing Services which provided an update on the next stage of the roll out of Universal Credit, the expected impact of this roll out and mitigation actions being taken by the Council and partners.

The introduction of Universal Credit as a benefit replaced the following benefits:-

- Child tax credit
- Housing benefit
- Income support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related employment and support allowance
- Working tax credit

The report advised that at the current point in time only new single working age claimants in the Falkirk area could apply for Universal Credit. This position was known as Live Service and had operated since May 2015. From March 2018 Universal Credit would be available to all new working age claimants known as Full Service.

Decision

Council:-

- (1) noted the actions that are being taken in preparation for further roll out from Live Service to Full Service Universal Credit in the Falkirk area;**
- (2) requested a Member's briefing on Universal Credit, and**
- (3) requested that regular updates on the impact of Welfare Reform were provided to future meetings.**