

FC14. Motions

Four motions had been submitted. Agenda item 10(a) referred to matters reserved to Council. Agenda items 10(b), (c) and (d) referred to matters within the remit of the Executive. The Provost advised that in accordance with Standing Order 31.1 he determined that item 10(c) was suitable for debate at Council while agenda items 10 (b) *Family Cap* and (d) *Single Use Plastics* stood referred to the Executive.

- (a) Council considered the following motion by Councillor Alexander, seconded by Councillor Meiklejohn, that:-

Council recognises the importance of representation on outside bodies such as COSLA and believes that where decisions are taken that impact on Falkirk Council Services the local authority should be represented.

Each member selected to represent Falkirk Council has a responsibility to act in the best interests of the Council and the people we represent.

Council therefore agrees to the following:-

- (1) On topical issues or matters of major policy of funding determined or influenced by an external body the Council through the Chief Executive will receive a report of the board content as soon as possible but no later than 5 working days from the item being discussed. External boards such as the IJB where senior officers/officers sit will be exempt;
- (2) In addition to the above, single members appointed to an external body on behalf of Falkirk Council will produce an annual report giving a summary of their activities including their attendance record. Where more than one member is involved these members will agree amongst themselves who shall report back;
- (3) Where a member misses three consecutive meetings that member will either step aside voluntarily or a report will be submitted to Council and that member may be removed;
- (4) Request that the Chief Executive oversee the inclusion of these reports within the appropriate Council agendas; and
- (5) As the four COSLA boards were established to include the spokespersons from each authority with only Falkirk noncompliant Council therefore agrees that when an elected delegate is unable to attend the relevant portfolio holder will replace that member as a substitute.

In the absence of general agreement the motion was put to the vote, for or against, in terms of Standing Order 20.11.

In terms of Standing Order 22.1, the vote was taken by roll call, there being 30 members present with voting as undernoted:-

For the motion (13) – Depute Provost Ritchie; and Councillors Alexander, Balfour, Binnie, Bouse, Coleman, Collie, Garner, Hughes, McCue, Meiklejohn, Murtagh and Spears.

Against the motion (17) – Provost Buchanan; and Councillors Aitchison, Bissett, Black, Blackwood, Coombes, Flynn, Goldie, Grant, Harris, Kerr, McLuckie, Munro, Nicol, Nimmo, Patrick and Reid.

Decision

The motion was not carried.