

## **EX100. Scrutiny Committee – 13 December 2018**

### **Scrutiny Panel – Fly Tipping**

The Executive considered a report by the Director of Corporate and Housing Services presenting the report and recommendations of the scrutiny panel review of Fly Tipping. Councillor Black, Convener of the panel, summarised the work of the panel and highlighted the key recommendations of the panel. The Scrutiny Committee had agreed to refer these recommendations to the Executive at its meeting of 13 December 2018 (ref S26).

The panel's recommendations were:

- 1) That the Council undertakes comprehensive review of the cost and charging for fly-tipping to ensure the Council is covering all costs including disposal. This in turn should inform charging for removing fly tipping which should be at full cost recovery including an additional fine.
- 2) That residents, including tenants, are reminded of their obligations to dispose of rubbish and waste appropriately. For tenants this can be achieved through reminders of their tenancy obligations under the housing tenancy agreement, particularly those who live in flats. The issue of supporting tenants needs to be considered along with how we deal with fly tipping in urban areas. This issue needs to be considered by both Development Services and Housing working together.
- 3) A report is presented to a future Executive on the potential for establishing a trusted trader's scheme taking account of the discussions that took place within the panel.
- 4) Officers review access to the civic amenity centre to ensure it is available to those who require to use it, that people can pay, where appropriate, at the site, that budget options are understood in terms of their consequences on small businesses, people without transport etc.
- 5) Officers review enforcement, the fee structure and bulky uplifts policy to encourage public to use this in conjunction with the civic amenity site and report back to the Executive on this in due course. This should include an approach to education, advice and support for community organisations, younger people, tenants including private sector and for small traders.
- 6) The Council adopts a one Council approach to fly tipping. This would include utilising My Falkirk as the platform for reporting and managing the service. In addition, it is recommended that there is a review of management of the various elements of service into one designated team and this is reported back to the Executive in due course.
- 7) Officers investigate and report back on establishing a freecycle/reuse scheme for items of furniture etc., to be developed in conjunction with the 3rd sector.

- 8) The Council reviews its engagement with the communities to enable them to support the Council in tackling fly-tipping and general litter picks.
- 9) That there is an update on progress on the recommendations made above to scrutiny committee at six months and then a year following the Executive's consideration of this report.

## **Decision**

### **The Executive:-**

- (1) noted the work of the Panel and its findings as set out in the appendix of the report, and**
- (2) approved the recommendations at paragraphs 7.2-7.10 of the appendix.**

In line with his declaration of interest Councillor Bissett left the meeting prior to consideration of the following item.