

## **EX119. Towards a Fairer Falkirk 2019 – 2024**

The Executive considered a report by the Chief Executive which sought approval of the poverty strategy 'Towards a Fairer Falkirk 2019 - 2024'. The strategy and action plan were based on the following four themes:-

- (1) Fairer Access to Services
- (2) Fairer Money
- (3) Fairer Culture
- (4) Fairer Childhood

The report also set out five commitments for Falkirk Council which were to:-

- Make it everyone's job to do their bit to mitigate the impact of poverty across the Falkirk Council area
- Make food and activities available to families in need during the school holidays
- Work with lone parents to understand their needs and what we can do to address these
- Help people maximise their income by supporting people to claim all the benefits that they are entitled to
- Work together with partners to help people to make their house a home.

At its meeting on 15 January 2019 the Executive (ref EX99) had requested that the Chief Executive:-

- (1) conduct a review of how services were delivered across the council area with particular emphasis on sustainability of tenancies, income maximisation and inequalities, so that the poverty strategy was fit for purpose, and
- (2) report back to the Executive on the outcome of the review.

The report advised the Executive on the outcome of the review and highlighted where those outcomes were incorporated in the strategy.

### **Decision**

**The Executive agreed:-**

- (1) the strategy 'Towards a Fairer Falkirk 2019 -2024';**
- (2) the five commitments for Falkirk Council; and**
- (3) to recommended to Council that that £40k is allocated at the budget setting to continue the Holiday Food Initiative for 2019/20.**