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Agenda Item 3

Minutes

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FALKIRK COUNCIL

Minute of meeting of Falkirk Council held in the Municipal Buildings, Falkirk on Wednesday 8 May 2019 at 9.30 a.m.

Councillors: David Aitchison Fiona Collie Cecil Meiklejohn
David Alexander Joan Coombes Lynn Munro
David Balfour Jim Flynn Laura Murtagh
Lorna Binnie Dennis Goldie Malcolm Nicol
Robert Bissett David Grant Alan Nimmo
Allyson Black Nigel Harris John Patrick
Jim Blackwood Gordon Hughes Pat Reid
Gary Bouse James Kerr Depute Provost Ann Ritchie
Provost William Buchanan John McLuckie Robert Spears
Niall Coleman

Officers: Jack Frawley, Committee Services Officer
Rhona Geisler, Director of Development Services
Sara Lacey, Head of Social Work Children's Services
Kenneth Lawrie, Chief Executive
Joe McElholm, Head of Social Work Adult Services
Colin Moodie, Chief Governance Officer
Robert Naylor, Director of Children's Services
Brian Pirie, Democratic Services Manager
Stuart Ritchie, Director of Corporate & Housing Services
Bryan Smail, Chief Finance Officer

Also

Attending: Amanda Templeman, Chief Finance Officer, Health & Social Care Partnership

FC1. Sederunt

The sederunt was taken by way of a roll call. Apologies were intimated on behalf of Councillors Garner and McCue.

FC2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

FC3. Minutes and Information Bulletin

- (a) Minute of Meeting of Falkirk Council held on 6 March 2019; agreed as a correct record - agreed as a correct record;
- (b) Volume of Minutes – Volume 4 2018/19 - noted and,
- (c) Information Bulletin – Volume 4 2018/19 - noted.

FC4. Questions

No questions were submitted.

FC5. Rolling Action Log

A rolling action log detailing decisions not yet implemented following the previous meeting on 6 March 2019 was provided. Item 466 – Treasury Management Strategy 2019/20 was the subject of a report on the agenda and accordingly fell from the action log.

Decision

Council noted the rolling action log.

FC6. Referral from Executive – 16 April 2019 Treasury Management Strategy 2019/20

Council considered a report by the Director of Corporate and Housing Services which fulfilled the requirement in the Code of Practice for Treasury Management that an annual strategy be submitted to Council for approval. The strategy had been considered by the Executive at its meeting on 16 April 2019 (ref EX11) and provided information on expected treasury activities for 2019/20.

Decision

Council agreed:-

- (1) the Borrowing Strategy for 2019/20 as set out in section 4.2 of the appendix to the report;**
- (2) the Investment Strategy for 2019/20 and agreed the list of “Permitted Investments” as set out in section 4.3 of the appendix to the report;**
- (3) the Treasury Indicators as set out in section 4.4 of the appendix to the report, and**

- (4) the changes to the Loans Fund repayments as set out in section 4.7.7 of the appendix to the report.**

FC7. Falkirk Health and Social Care Partnership Strategic Plan 2019-2022

Council considered a report by the Chief Officer, Falkirk Integration Joint Board presenting to Council the Falkirk Health and Social Care Partnership Strategic Plan, which had been approved by the Board on 5 April 2019. The Board had agreed to submit the Plan to the Council, NHS Forth Valley and Community Planning Partnership as the ambitions in the plan would resonate with the work of these partners.

The vision set out in the plan was to enable people in Falkirk HSCP area to live full and positive lives within supportive and inclusive communities. The outcomes set out in the plan were:-

- Self-Management: Individuals, their carers and families can plan and manage their own health, care and well-being. Where supports are required, people have control and choice over what and how care is provided.
- Safe: High quality health and social care services are delivered that promote keeping people safe and well for longer.
- Experience: People have a fair and positive experience of health and social care, delivered by a supported workforce that are skilled, committed, motivated and valued.
- Strong Sustainable Communities: Individuals and communities are resilient and empowered with a range of supports in place that are accessible and reduce health and social inequalities.

The Falkirk Health and Social Care Partnership Strategic Plan 2019 – 2022 was provided as an appendix to the report.

Decision

Council noted:-

- (1) the report and Strategic Plan 2019-2022, and**
- (2) that progress reports would be submitted twice a year to Falkirk Council, Scrutiny Committee (External), NHS Forth Valley Board and the Community Planning Partnership Strategic Board and Executive Group.**

FC8. Appointments

Council considered a report by the Director of Corporate and Housing Services which invited Council to temporarily reduce the size of the Licensing Board; create a category of membership for a care experienced young person on the Education Executive; rename the Education Executive, and appoint members to the Falkirk Community Trust Board.

(a) Licensing Board

The Licensing Board comprised 10 members. The quorum of the Board was half the membership (5). There had been 2 vacancies on the Board since 19 September 2018.

Councillor Meiklejohn, seconded by Councillor Hughes, moved that Council agrees to temporarily reduce the size of the Licensing Board to 8 members.

There was general agreement on this matter.

(b) Education Executive Membership

There were three categories of non-voting member on the Education Executive: teacher representative; parent representative, and pupil representative. At its meeting on 26 March 2019 the Education Executive, taking cognisance of its widened remit, expressed its interest in having a care experienced young person appointed to it. It was proposed that appointment of the care experienced young person would be by nomination by the Champions Board. Any such appointment would be until the next Local Government elections in 2022. It was also proposed that the nominee should be younger than 26 at the time of appointment.

Councillor Meiklejohn, seconded by Councillor Hughes, moved that Council agrees to create a category of non-voting membership on the Education Executive for a care experienced young person and instructs the Chief Governance Officer to make any consequential changes to Standing Orders.

There was general agreement on this matter.

(c) Education Executive Title

Following the decision of Council on 9 May 2018 the remit of the Education Executive was widened to include the full remit of Children's Services. In recognition of this it was proposed that the Education Executive was renamed the Children and Young People Executive to better reflect the remit.

Councillor Meiklejohn, seconded by Councillor Hughes, moved that Council agrees that the Education Executive be renamed the Children and Young People Executive and instructs the Chief Governance Officer to make any consequential changes to Standing Orders.

Having heard from Councillor Nicol who proposed that the Education Executive be renamed the Education and Young Persons Executive, Councillor Meiklejohn, with the consent of the Provost and Councillor Hughes as her seconder, agreed to amend the terms of her motion as follows:-

That Council agrees that the Education Executive be renamed the Education, Children and Young People Executive and instructs the Chief Governance Officer to make any consequential changes to Standing Orders.

There was general agreement on this matter.

(d) Falkirk Community Trust Membership

Council agreed, at its statutory meeting of 24 May 2017, the application of political proportionality to Falkirk Community Trust Board appointments, Council agreed these can be by slate. The political proportionality was:-

SNP –	2
Labour –	1
Conservative –	1
Independent –	1

Appointments to the Board were made for periods of two years. The political groups had confirmed that their nominations to the Board were:-

SNP -	Councillors Binnie and Coleman.
Labour -	Councillor Coombes
Conservative -	Councillor Flynn

In relation to the position for an independent member, Provost Buchanan had intimated his resignation from the Board on 22 March 2019. There was therefore a vacancy on the Board for an independent member. Councillors Kerr, McLuckie and Spears were eligible to be appointed to the Board to fill this position. The independent members were not in agreement on the appointment and the decision accordingly fell to Council.

The Provost sought nominations for the appointment of an independent member to the Falkirk Community Trust Board.

Councillor Bissett nominated Councillor McLuckie.

Councillor Meiklejohn nominated Councillor Spears.

In terms of Standing Order 22.1, the vote was taken by roll call, there being 28 members present with voting as undernoted:-

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

For Councillor Spears (11) – Depute Provost Ritchie and Councillors Alexander, Balfour, Binnie, Bouse, Coleman, Collie, Hughes, Meiklejohn, Murtagh and Spears.

Decision

Council agreed:

- (1) to temporarily reduce the size of the Licensing Board to 8 members;**
- (2) to create a category of non-voting membership on the Education Executive for a care experienced young person and instructed the Chief Governance Officer to make any consequential changes to Standing Orders;**
- (3) that the Education Executive be renamed the Education, Children and Young People Executive and instructed the Chief Governance Officer to make any consequential changes to Standing Orders;**
- (4) to appoint Councillor McLuckie as the independent member on the Falkirk Community Trust Board, and**
- (5) to authorise the Chief Executive to provide written notice to the Trust of appointment of the Council Directors on the Board.**

FC9. Execution of Deeds

Council considered a report by the Director of Corporate and Housing Services with the purpose to provide details of those deeds which have been signed and sealed on behalf of the Council.

Decision

Council noted the signing and sealing of the Deeds listed in the appendix.