

## **EX86. Construction Charter**

The Executive considered a report by the Director of Corporate and Housing Services which sought approval to adopt a Falkirk Council Construction Charter. The Unite Trade Union had contacted the Council with a view to adopting the Unite Construction Charter. Discussions took place with Unite and, in conjunction with Unite officials, a Falkirk Council Construction Charter had been drafted. The Falkirk Council Construction Charter was based on the Unite document and took into consideration local and operational matters particular to Falkirk Council. The draft Construction Charter for Falkirk Council was provided as an appendix to the report. Individual Construction Charters had been adopted by a number of Local Authorities across the UK, including Aberdeen City, Dundee, Fife, North Lanarkshire, Renfrewshire and Inverclyde Councils.

The Construction Charter had the following objectives:-

- Set the highest possible standards on construction projects funded by public money;
- Promote direct and secure employment;
- Promote quality apprenticeships and opportunities for local workers;
- Guarantee the highest possible health and safety standards, including quality welfare facilities;
- Encourage and support the role of trade unions.

The adoption of a Construction Charter aligned with the Council's Procurement Strategy objectives. Part of future tender processes would be to utilise selection criteria to assess tenderer compliance with the Falkirk Council Construction Charter, in order to ensure interested parties were aware of the Charter requirements and confirm compliance prior to progression.

### **Decision**

**The Executive approved the Construction Charter as detailed in appendix 1 to the report.**