

EX88. Funeral Poverty

The Executive considered a report by the Director of Development Services which provided information regarding funeral poverty. It considered the new national Funeral Support Payment, the approach of existing services and reviews of some examples of other funeral poverty assistance models from across the UK. A number of service improvement measures were currently being implemented and therefore the report did not propose any new service changes. The report sought approval to carry out bereavement sector engagement on funeral poverty on completion of the new measures and to report back as appropriate.

Decision

The Executive:-

- (1) noted the content of this report and the existing measures in place to assist with funeral poverty at a national and local level;**
- (2) instructed officers to review and amend the Council's website and promotional materials to incorporate updated information and links concerning funeral poverty, and**
- (3) instructed officers to engage with the bereavement sector on a) any further change options to Falkirk Council service delivery and their financial implications, and b) any Scottish Government revisions to the new Funeral Support Payment, reporting back to members as appropriate.**