# Agenda Item 3

Minute

# <u>Draft</u>

# FALKIRK COUNCIL

# Minute of meeting of the EXECUTIVE held within the Municipal Buildings, Falkirk on Tuesday 18 February 2020 at 9.30 a.m.

- Councillors: David Alexander Robert Bissett Gary Bouse Joan Coombes Paul Garner Nigel Harris Gordon Hughes Cecil Meiklejohn (Convener) Lynn Munro Malcolm Nicol Alan Nimmo Pat Reid
- Officers: Karen Chambers, Committee Services Officer Rhona Geisler, Director of Development Services Kenneth Lawrie, Chief Executive Colin Moodie, Chief Governance Officer Robert Naylor, Director of Children's Services Stuart Ritchie, Director of Corporate and Housing Services Bryan Smail, Chief Finance Officer

#### EX111. Apologies

No apologies were intimated.

# EX112. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

#### EX113. Minute

Decision

The minute of the meeting of the Executive held on 14 January 2020 was approved.

# EX114. Rolling Action Log

A rolling action log detailing decisions not yet implemented following the previous meeting on 14 January 2020 was provided.

# Decision

# The Executive noted the rolling action log.

#### EX115. Scottish Government Budget/Local Government Settlement

The Executive considered a report by the Director of Corporate and Housing Services which provided an update on the Local Government Settlement and the Scottish Government Budget, noting that this was a provisional position pending agreement by the Scottish Parliament which could be after the issue of the Budget agenda for the Council meeting on 26 February or indeed after the meeting itself.

#### Decision

The Executive noted the report and in particular its implications for the Council's 2020/21 General Fund Revenue Budget and 2020/21-2024/5 Capital Programme.

# EX116. Capital Programmes Update 2019/20

The Executive considered a report by the Director of Corporate and Housing Services which detailed the final 2019/20 forecast position for the General Fund Services and Housing Capital Programmes. The Prudential Indicators were also presented for information.

#### Decision

#### The Executive noted:-

- (1) the forecast spend for both the General Fund Services (£32.1m) and Housing Capital Programmes (£43.8m);
- (2) the Prudential Indicators; and
- (3) the external borrowing requirement.

# EX117. Exclusion of Public

If so resolved in terms of Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, exclude from the meeting the press and public for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 2 & 6 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A of the said Act.

# EX118. Advice and Support Hubs

The Executive considered a report by the Director of Corporate and Housing Services which updated Members on the preferred location for the Central Advice Hub and provided an update on the Hub outreach service.

The Executive adjourned at 10.40am and reconvened at 10.50am with all members present as per the sederunt.

# Decision

The Executive:-

- (1) requested a report to the meeting of 14 April 2020 providing further options for the relocation of the Central Advice Hub; and
- (2) noted the refocusing of our outreach service where it is adding best value.

# EX119. Haugh Gardens, Bainsford Redevelopment – Update

The Executive considered a report by the Director of Corporate and Housing Services which updated members on progress with the redevelopment of Haugh Gardens, Bainsford and sought approval to transfer ownership of two properties to facilitate the redevelopment.

#### Decision

# The Executive:-

- (1) noted the progress made in regard to the redevelopment of Haugh Gardens;
- (2) delegated authority to the Director of Corporate and Housing to declare two Council properties as surplus to requirements; exchange these properties with the two remaining owners at Haugh Gardens and to carry out the associated negotiation of commercial terms; and

(3) authorised the Chief Governance Officer to formalise and complete the legal steps necessary to acquire the two remaining properties and transfer ownership of two Council owned properties.