

**RECORD OF VOTES TAKEN AT THE MEETING OF FALKIRK COUNCIL  
ON 30 SEPTEMBER 2020**

Councillors in attendance:

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

<b>Agenda Item No. 5</b>	<b>Falkirk Council's Three-Year Business Plan 2021/22- 2023/24</b>
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**Motion**

**Council:-**

- (1) agrees Falkirk Council's Three-Year Business Plan;**
- (2) notes that separate reports will be submitted to Elected Members on budget savings options, and**
- (3) notes that updates will be provided to the Executive.**

**Moved by: C Meiklejohn**

**Seconded by: G Bouse**

**Amendment**

**In substitution for the motion:-**

**Council notes the recommended Three Year Business Plan but continues the item for 3 months when the outcome of the SPR consultation will be known and there will be a more realistic understanding of the economic and social consequences of the Covid 19 crisis.**

**Moved by: Robert Bissett**

**Seconded by: Alan Nimmo**

## VOTE

### For the motion (18)

D Alexander	N Harris
D Balfour	G Hughes
L Binnie	A McCue
G Bouse	C Meiklejohn
N Coleman	L Murtagh
F Collie	M Nicol
J Flynn	J Patrick
P Garner	Depute Provost A Ritchie
D Grant	R Spears

### For the amendment (12)

D Aitchison	D Goldie
R Bissett	J Kerr
A Black	J McLuckie
J Blackwood	L Munro
Provost W Buchanan	A Nimmo
J Coombes	P Reid

**Decision: motion carried.**

<b>Agenda Item No.6</b>	<b>Financial Overview</b>
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### **Motion**

#### **Council:-**

- (1) notes the updated assessment of the current financial year and recognises the need for all Services to exercise effective financial control;**
- (2) approves a revenue allocation of c£180k to provide school meal support during the October 2020 school holiday;**
- (3) approves revenue funding of £300k in the current financial year to support the Economic Recovery Plan, with further funding considered as part of the 2021/22 and 2022/23 Revenue Budgets;**
- (4) confirms to the Board of Falkirk Community Trust that the Council will fund the Trust's 2020/21 COVID-19 driven deficit. Recognising the challenging financial circumstances that the Council is working within and the *potential* benefits of bringing the Trust back in-house such as allowing:-**
  - (1) decisions to be taken by the Council as a single decision maker in line with its agreed priorities,**
  - (2) a more integrated and streamlined approach to treatment of facilities, resources and transformational project work, and**
  - (3) the return of public services to direct democratic accountability, it is requested that the Chief Executive, having consulted with the Trust, prepares a report to the December meeting of Council outlining:-**
    - (i) the process, work and any risk factors that would be involved should a decision be taken by the Council to bring the Trust back in-house, and**
    - (ii) the advantages and disadvantages that would result should the Trust be brought back in-house addressing the issues noted above and including finance, workforce and governance implications - what the anticipated timescale would be.**

- (5) notes the initial considerations of the MTFP and 2021/22 budget process;
- (6) agrees the ZBB budget approach presented in the report, and
- (7) agrees that the Member Budget Working Group should now be reconvened.

Moved by: Cecil Meiklejohn

Seconded by: Gary Bouse

#### Amendment

#### Council:-

- (1) notes the updated assessment of the current financial year and to recognise the need for all Services to exercise effective financial control;
- (2) approves a revenue allocation of c£180k to provide school meal support during the October 2020 school holiday;
- (3) approves revenue funding of £300k in the current financial year to support the Economic Recovery Plan, with further funding considered as part of the 2021/22 and 2022/23 Revenue Budgets;
- (4) confirms to the Trust Board that the Council will fund the Trust's 20/21 covid driven deficit;
- (5) notes the initial considerations of the MTFP and 2021/22 budget process;
- (6) agrees that a wider approach to ZBB be taken encompassing all of the Council Services, that this be aligned with the work of the Budget Working Group to allow members the fullest understanding of the budgets and that it aims to move the Council away from the current deficit model of identifying savings options, and
- (7) agrees that the Member Budget Working Group should now be reconvened.

Moved by: Robert Bissett

Seconded by: Joan Coombes

#### VOTE

##### For the motion (20)

D Alexander	G Hughes
D Balfour	J Kerr
L Binnie	A McCue
G Bouse	C Meiklejohn
N Coleman	L Munro
F Collie	L Murtagh
J Flynn	M Nicol
P Garner	J Patrick
D Grant	Depute Provost A Ritchie
N Harris	R Spears

##### For the amendment (10)

D Aitchison	J Coombes
R Bissett	D Goldie
A Black	J McLuckie
J Blackwood	A Nimmo
Provost W Buchanan	P Reid

**Decision: motion carried.**

<b>Agenda Item No.8</b>	<b>Council HQ and Arts Centre</b>
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## **Motion**

### **Council:-**

- (1) notes the attached report on the update to the strategic business case for the Council's office headquarters and arts centre project;**
- (2) agrees to proceed with Option A identified in the report as the Council's preferred approach to delivery of the project;**
- (3) agrees to proceed with the works to prepare the property at Block 4, Central Park Larbert for provision of an interim office and resilience/out of hours hub at a cost of £919k, this work to proceed immediately for completion by mid 2021;**
- (4) agrees to progress with delivery of the refurbishment and fit-out of vacant office accommodation at the Falkirk Stadium at a cost of £1.5m;**
- (5) agrees to proceed with the phased rundown and closure of the Municipal Buildings, Falkirk and other operational office properties listed in Appendix 5 of the attached report.**
- (6) agrees to deliver the HQ & Arts Centre (Option A) project in Falkirk town centre and that a further report confirming the detailed specification and approach to procurement of the facility be presented to a future meeting of the Council, and**
- (7) agrees that a workshop be convened involving representatives of the Council and developer/landowning interests in Falkirk town centre to consider current concerns and opportunities to progress the project.**

**Moved by: Cecil Meiklejohn**

**Seconded by: David Alexander**

## **Amendment**

### **In substitution for the motion:-**

### **Council agrees that:-**

- (1) the new Headquarters building consisting of the Councils principal office and civic accommodation be built on the present site and that a report be presented on the options to pursue this to the next meeting of Council including costs and indicative timetable.**
- (2) costs for any spending on offices, civic headquarters, a performance and arts venue are based on the £45 million previously agreed and that this figure to be used in the procurement process for the entire projects cost, temporary and permanent but this will not apply to any external funding that may become available;**
- (3) to prepare the property at Larbert only for provision of an interim, temporary office and resilience/out of hours but only until the HQ accommodation is available for occupation;**

- (4) a further report be prepared on the requirement post Covid on the type of multipurpose community facility for entertainment/ performance/exhibition space in the town centre for consideration; and
- (5) a further report be prepared on the support and enhancement of all the town centres in the Falkirk Council area and that in particular consideration be given to siting of front face services including Central Hub, Library, Licensing, business gateway, ETU in Falkirk High Street.

Moved by: Dennis Goldie  
Seconded by: Robert Bissett

### **VOTE**

#### **For the motion (16)**

D Alexander	P Garner
D Balfour	G Hughes
L Binnie	A McCue
A Black	C Meiklejohn
G Bouse	L Murtagh
N Coleman	P Reid
F Collie	Depute Provost A Ritchie
J Coombes	R Spears

#### **For the amendment (13)**

R Bissett	J Kerr
J Blackwood	J McLuckie
Provost W Buchanan	L Munro
J Flynn	M Nicol
D Goldie	A Nimmo
D Grant	J Patrick
N Harris	

#### **Abstention (1)**

D Aitchison
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**Decision: motion carried.**

### Notes

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