

EX126. Energy Management Monitoring Group

The Executive considered a report by the Director of Place Services which provided draft terms of reference for an Energy Management Group as requested by the Executive at its meeting of 22 February 2022.

Energy management was a crucial aspect of positive action in addressing the Climate Emergency. The potential for carbon reduction associated with energy management was significant. Work to date in this field had been undertaken in line with legislated outputs required under Local Heat and Energy Efficiency Strategy (LHEES) work. Part of the requirement was the existence of an organisational group who implemented the necessary projects to reduce energy consumption and where possible decarbonisation. Falkirk Council created its group in 2022 and it had met twice to date. There was no Elected Members representation on the group.

It was recommended that the existing LHEES group be expanded. This revised Group would include Elected Members and front line staff and a draft term of reference for the Group had been provided as an appendix to the report.

The remit of the new Group would be to monitor energy consumption, drive decarbonisation projects, and monitor progress of projects and their contribution to overall national and organisational targets. The Energy Management Monitoring Group would define an action plan that would be presented to the Executive alongside the regular Climate Change update report later in the year. Further updates would be presented quarterly within future Information Bulletin reports, and there would be an annual update also provided in the Information Bulletin.

Decision

The Executive:-

- (1) agreed to add Elected Members to the existing LHEES group and rename it the Energy Management Monitoring Group, and**
- (2) agreed the draft terms of reference detailed in appendix 2 to the report, subject to an amendment to reflect that Elected Member representation would be on the basis of political proportionality.**