

**Record of Votes Taken at the Meeting of the Executive  
on 6 December 2022**

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| <b>Agenda<br/>Item No. 7</b> | <b>Strategic Property Review<br/>(First Vote)</b> |
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That the Executive agree to refer consideration of this item to then Council, to allow all members to participate in the decision.

**Moved by: Councillor Hannah**

**Seconded by: Councillor Paterson**

**VOTE**

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| <b>For the motion (5)</b> |             | <b>Against the motion (6)</b> |              |
| A Hannah                  | R Spears    | J Bundy                       | J Kerr       |
| A Nimmo                   | E Stainbank | S Devine                      | C Meiklejohn |
| S Paterson                |             | P Garner                      | I Sinclair   |

**Decision: Motion not carried.**

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| <b>Agenda<br/>Item No. 7</b> | <b>Strategic Property Review<br/>(Second Vote)</b> |
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The Executive:-

- (1) noted the previously agreed Property Strategy and the approach to the Strategic Property Review following extensive community consultations, and the progress made on implementation since;
- (2) recognised that the Council continues to have an operational property estate that cannot be sustained due to current financial constraints, its deteriorating condition, backlog repairs and declining performance;
- (3) agreed, in principle, to the proposed rationalisation of the properties identified within the implementation programme, and the phases and timescales outlined within the report, subject to recognising that Town Halls play a core function in serving and strengthening our communities;
- (4) agreed that a public consultation is undertaken into alternative delivery models and approaches suggested by communities/stakeholders for the retention of properties. The results of this and any EPIA impacts and mitigations from the planned rationalisation will be reported back to Council in February 2023 for final decision;
- (5) agreed officers bring forward a report on the closure of the four secondary school swimming pools identified in the report to Council in early 2023 for a final decision. This will include further detail and EPIA considerations and implications;
- (6) noted that communities will be supported and encouraged to develop capacity to enable alternative delivery models and approaches for the assets proposed for rationalisation;

- (7) agreed that to support this activity and enable successful delivery of the SPR, a capital fund of £6m is established from the savings generated by this proposal;
- (8) recognised that selling buildings will not reduce area-wide emissions; that retrofitting to raise Energy Efficiency in these buildings would reduce area-wide emissions; recognises that the retrofitting of buildings is expensive and unlikely to be afforded by community groups; as part of the support package, the Council works out the estimated costs of Energy Efficiency upgrades to the national standards for the Town Halls and that officers report back on the cost of this at the point of final decision with a view to creating a specific fund from the £6m capital fund so community-led groups can afford to retrofit their building;
- (9) agreed that any capital receipts received from rationalised property may be considered for reinvestment in retained properties subject to the appropriate business case; and
- (10) agreed to the establishment of a policy development panel chaired by the Education and Leisure portfolio holder to look at a future model for delivering leisure services for the district and that the panel commence work following the final decision in February.

**Moved by: Councillor Garner**

**Seconded by: Councillor Meiklejohn**

### **Amendment**

Amend 2.1 (1) to read

“Notes the previously agreed Property Strategy and the approach to the Strategic Property Review following limited community consultations in 2020, and the progress made on implementation since;”

Delete Recommendation 2.1 (3)

Delete Recommendation 2.1 (5)

**Moved by: Councillor Hannah**

**Seconded by: Councillor Paterson**

### **VOTE**

| <b>For the motion (6)</b> |              | <b>For the amendment (5)</b> |             |
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| J Bundy                   | J Kerr       | A Hannah                     | R Spears    |
| S Devine                  | C Meiklejohn | A Nimmo                      | E Stainbank |
| Paul Garner               | I Sinclair   | S Paterson                   |             |

**Decision: Motion carried.**

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| <b>Agenda<br/>Item No. 8</b> | <b>Waste Services Review<br/>(First Vote)</b> |
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That the Executive agree to refer consideration of this item to then Council, to allow all members to participate in the decision.

**Moved by: Councillor Hannah**  
**Seconded by: Councillor Stainbank**

### **VOTE**

#### **For the motion (5)**

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| A Hannah   | R Spears    |
| A Nimmo    | E Stainbank |
| S Paterson |             |

#### **Against the motion (7)**

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| G Bouse  | J Kerr       |
| J Bundy  | C Meiklejohn |
| S Devine | I Sinclair   |
| P Garner |              |

**Decision: Motion not carried.**

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| <b>Agenda<br/>Item No. 8</b> | <b>Waste Services Review<br/>(Second Vote)</b> |
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The Executive:-

- (1) agreed that Falkirk Council adopts the updated national Code of Practice (when published) for residual waste so that additional capacity (i.e. greater than a 240 litre bin collected 4 weekly) would only be granted to households of 7 and above and this would be subject to application;
- (2) noted the forthcoming biodegradable landfill ban from 31 December 2025 and the financial impact that this is likely to have on the Council;
- (3) agreed to the reintroduction of a charge for all bulky uplifts (£35.00), removing the provision of one free uplift per household per year. In recognition of the Council's Poverty Strategy, those residents in receipt of eligible benefits, would receive one free collection per annum;
- (4) agreed that a booking system is introduced as soon as practically possible for all vehicles looking to gain entry to Council Household Waste Recycling Centre(s) (HWRCs);
- (5) agreed that Falkirk Council reviews HWRC site opening times to 10am –6.00pm;
- (6) agreed to the removal of the Environmental Enforcement Team from Summer 2023;
- (7) agree to retain the Environmental Improvement Fund at a level of £20,000 per annum from April 2023;
- (8) agreed to the introduction of a charge for the collection of brown bins (garden waste), at an annual charge of £25.00 per bin. For those households receiving financial

benefit in recognition of the Council's Poverty Strategy, those residents in receipt of eligible benefits, would only be subject to 50% of the charge; and

- (9) agreed that an estimated £60k of the savings generated from these measures is used to fund an expansion of the HVO fuel pilot to reduce carbon emissions in the heavy fleet by up to 90% per vehicle.

**Moved by: Councillor Sinclair**

**Seconded by: P Garner**

### **Amendment**

Replace the recommendations with the following:

Executive agrees that officers should undertake a Waste Services Review including up to date Equalities and Poverty Impact Assessments, and detailed Climate Change Impact Assessments on each proposed option. The report on the review to be brought to Full Council with options, advantages and disadvantages of each option outlined.

**Moved by: E Stainbank**

**Seconded by: A Nimmo**

### **VOTE**

| <b>For the motion (7)</b> |              |
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| G Bouse                   | J Kerr       |
| J Bundy                   | C Meiklejohn |
| S Devine                  | I Sinclair   |
| P Garner                  |              |

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| A Hannah                     | R Spears    |
| A Nimmo                      | E Stainbank |
| S Paterson                   |             |

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| <b>For the amendment (5)</b> |             |
| A Hannah                     | R Spears    |
| A Nimmo                      | E Stainbank |
| S Paterson                   |             |

**Decision: Motion carried.**

### **Notes**

1. This voting record is subject to approval of the formal minute at the meeting of the Executive on 17 January 2023.
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