

AGENDA ITEM 9

FALKIRK COUNCIL

Subject: APPOINTMENT TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS
Meeting: FALKIRK COUNCIL
Date: 4 MARCH 2009
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1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to:
- invite Council to appoint a Member to the Forth Valley Tourism Partnership, and
 - clarify membership of the Forth Valley Waste Strategy Group and the BID Management Group.

2. FORTH VALLEY TOURISM PARTNERSHIP

- 2.1 The Argyll, Loch Lomond and Forth Valley Tourism Partnership was established in 2005, with the aim of identifying local tourism related issues along with the needs and priorities within the region and to deliver actions identified to meet these priorities as part of a tourism framework. The Partnership agreed in 2008, following a review of its consumer focus to establish smaller, more locally focused Partnerships. Falkirk Council has been invited to nominate a member to the Forth Valley Tourism Partnership. The newly established Partnership will comprise members and officers from Falkirk Council, Stirling Council and Clackmannanshire Council together with representatives of Visit Scotland who will provide the secretariat to the Partnership .
- 2.2 In 2007, Council appointed Councillor Adrian Mahoney to the Argyll, Loch Lomond and Forth Valley Tourism Partnership. The Forth Valley Tourism Partnership has requested that Council appoints a Member to the successor organisation.

3. EX-OFFICIO APPOINTMENTS

- 3.1 Council membership on two external bodies flows from the office the member holds. With regard to the Forth Valley Waste Strategy Group, Council's membership is currently vested in the Leader of the Council and the Convener of the Environment and Heritage Committee, ex officio. Similarly, Council has previously agreed that its membership of the BID Management Group will vest in the Convener of the Economic Development Committee, ex officio, with the Depute Convener as substitute member. With the changes to scrutiny committees agreed by Council on 29 January 2009, there is a need to consider appropriate ex officio successors to these Groups.

- 3.2 As the waste remit is now held by the newly constituted Environment and Community Safety Committee, Council may consider the Convener of that Committee to be the appropriate person to join the Forth Valley Waste Strategy Group. Similarly, the Economic Strategy and Development Committee now holds the economic development portfolio and the Convener of that Committee may be the appropriate member of the BID Management Group with the Depute Convener as substitute. These are matters for members to decide, however.

4. RECOMMENDATION

4.1 Council is invited to:

- (i) appoint a Member to the Forth Valley Tourism Partnership, and**
- (ii) confirm successors to the ex-officio appointments to the Forth Valley Waste Strategy Group and the Bid Management Group.**

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Date: 24 February 2009
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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

Nil.