

AGENDA ITEM 2 (ii)

FALKIRK COUNCIL

**Subject: REFERRAL FROM ECONOMIC STRATEGY AND
DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE - 22 FEBRUARY 2011**
Meeting: POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE
Date: 8 MARCH 2011
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SERVICES AND OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The following reports were submitted to the Economic Strategy and Development Committee at its meeting on 22 February 2011. The purpose of this report is to refer the recommendations made by the Economic Strategy and Development Committee to Policy and Resources Committee for approval.

2. EUROPEAN COMMISSION 5TH REPORT ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND TERRITORIAL COHESION – CONSULTATION ON FUTURE EUROPEAN UNION COHESION POLICY

- 2.1 Committee considered a report by the Director of Corporate and Neighbourhood Services seeking approval to endorse the response submitted to the East of Scotland European Consortium (ESEC) in relation to the European Commission Consultation on the future of EU Cohesion Policy post 2013. The report also considering the Council's future membership of ESEC.
- 2.2 Committee was invited to approve the following recommendations, namely:-
- (1) to approve the ESEC response to the European Commission consultation on future Cohesion Policy as detailed in the Appendix to the Report;
 - (2) to request that a further report be submitted outlining the wider European Strategy, and
 - (3) to endorse the proposal that the Council renew its membership of ESEC on a 12 month basis and refer this to the Policy and Resources Committee for approval.
- 2.3 Councillor MacDonald, seconded by Councillor Oliver moved the recommendation contained within the Report subject to the deletion of the words "on a 12 month basis" from recommendation (3).
- 2.4 By way of an amendment, Councillor Mahoney, seconded by Councillor Lemetti, moved the recommendations contained within the Report.

2.5 On a division, 5 Members voted for the Motion and 7 Members voted for the Amendment.

2.6 Accordingly, **AGREED** the recommendations as 2.2 above.

2.7. **Policy and Resources Committee is therefore invited to endorse the proposal that the Council renew its membership of ESEC on a 12 month basis.**

3. EUROPEAN SOCIAL FUND PRIORITY 5: BACKING FALKIRK'S FUTURE

3.1 Committee considered and agreed a report by the Director of Development Services and was invited to note:-

- (1) the successful award of £382,850 European Social Fund Priority 5 funds to assist delivery of the Backing Falkirk's Future initiative;
- (2) that the Policy and Resources Committee be advised of the proposal to establish the project; and
- (3) that further reports on progress of the ESF Priority 5 project be forwarded to the Committee in due course.

3.2. **Policy and Resources Committee is therefore invited to note the proposal to establish the project as detailed in the attached report.**

4. REVIEW OF SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING GUIDANCE NOTE: EDUCATION AND NEW HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

4.1 Committee considered and agreed a report by the Director of Development Services and was invited to:-

- (1) approve for consultation, the proposed amendments to the Supplementary Planning Guidance as detailed in appendices 2 and 3 of the Report;
- (2) request officers to consult further with external stakeholders and report back to committee in due course, and
- (3) subject to approval by the Policy and Resources Committee, that authority to approve any future changes to the Appendix of the SPG be delegated to the Director of Development Services, in consultation with the Director of Education.

4.2 **Policy and Resources Committee was therefore invited to agree delegated authority to the Director of Development Services, in consultation with the Director of Education, to approve any future changes to the Appendix of the SPG.**

5. FINALISED DRAFT DEVELOPMENT BRIEF: CHURCH ROAD, CALIFORNIA

- 5.1 Committee considered and agreed a report by the Director of Development Services on the above and was invited to:

Agree the proposed modifications and responses contained in appendices to the report and refer the Development Brief for Church Road, California to the Policy and Resources Committee for approval as Supplementary Planning Guidance.

- 5.2 **Policy and Resources Committee is therefore invited to agree the proposed modifications and responses contained in appendices to the above report, and the resultant Development Brief for Church Road, California, as Supplementary Planning Guidance.**

6. SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING GUIDANCE NOTE: DEVELOPMENT OF LAND AFFECTED BY CONTAMINATION –FINALISED DRAFT

- 6.1 Committee considered and agreed a report by the Director of Development Services on the above and was invited to:

Agree to refer the Supplementary Planning Guidance Note: Development of Land Affected by Contamination, and proposed changes, to Policy and Resources Committee with a recommendation to approve.

- 6.2 **Policy and Recourses Committee is therefore invited to agree the proposed changes contained in the appendix to the attached report and the resultant Supplementary Planning Guidance Note: Development of Land Affected by Contamination.**

7. RECOMMENDATIONS

Committee is invited to:-

- (1) **Agree the proposal that the Council renew its membership of ESEC on a 12 –month basis.**
- (2) **Note, in relation to European Social Fund Priority 5: Backing Falkirk's Future, the proposal to establish the project, as detailed in the attached Report;**
- (3) **Grant delegated authority to the Director of Development Services, in consultation with the Director of Education, to approve any future changes to the Appendix of the SPG relative to Education and New Housing Development;**

- (4) Approve the proposed modifications and responses contained in the appendices to the attached report, and the resultant Development Brief for Church Road, California, as Supplementary Planning Guidance; and
- (5) Approve the proposed changes contained in the appendix to the attached report and the resultant Supplementary Planning Guidance Note: Development of Land Affected by Contamination.

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Director of Corporate and
Neighbourhood Services

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Director of Development Services

Date: 23 February 2011