

FALKIRK COUNCIL

MINUTE of MEETING of the SCRUTINY COMMITTEE held in the MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, FALKIRK on THURSDAY 16 MAY 2013 at 10.30 AM.

COUNCILLORS:

William Buchanan
Allyson Black
Charles MacDonald
Brian McCabe
John McLuckie
Baillie Joan Paterson
Provost Pat Reid (Convener)

OFFICERS:

Fiona Campbell, Head of Policy, Information Technology and Improvement
Rose Mary Glackin, Chief Governance Officer (in the chair items S1, S2 and part of S3)
Colin Moodie, Depute Chief Governance Officer
Brian Pirie, Democratic Services Manager
Antonia Sobieraj, Committee Services Officer

S1. APOLOGIES

No apologies were received.

S2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations were made.

S3. APPOINTMENT OF CONVENER AND DEPUTE CONVENER

Nominations for the positions of convener and depute convener were invited.

Decision

Provost Reid was appointed convener of the Scrutiny Committee and the post of depute convener was unfilled.

Provost Reid thereafter assumed the chair for the remaining business.

S4. SCRUTINY COMMITTEE ESTABLISHMENT

The Scrutiny Committee considered a report by the Chief Executive summarising the scrutiny arrangements under the new decision making structure and proposing that a workshop be as held the first stage in the development of the scrutiny plan.

In determining its decision making model, Council had agreed to form a scrutiny committee, its principal role being to establish, implement and oversee the Council's scrutiny plan. In carrying out this function, the Committee would, in turn, set up Scrutiny Panels to scrutinise specific subject areas identified in the plan. The Committee also has responsibility receiving "following the public pound" reports and scrutinising the performance of the local police and fire services and Falkirk Community Trust.

In order to develop a scrutiny plan for recommendation to Council, it was proposed that a workshop for members would be held before the Committee meeting in June from which it was suggested that a scrutiny topic could be identified for the purpose of carrying out a pilot scrutiny process over the summer recess.

Decision

That a workshop open to all members would be held prior to the next meeting of the Committee to consider potential areas for scrutiny.