

FALKIRK COUNCIL

MINUTE of SPECIAL MEETING of FALKIRK COUNCIL held in the MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, FALKIRK on MONDAY 9 DECEMBER 2013 at 3.00 PM.

<u>COUNCILLORS:</u>	David Alexander	Linda Gow	Rosie Murray
	David Balfour	Gordon Hughes	Malcolm Nicol
	Stephen Bird	Steven Jackson	Alan Nimmo
	Allyson Black	Charles MacDonald	Martin Oliver
	Jim Blackwood	Brian McCabe	Baillie Joan Paterson
	Baillie William Buchanan	John McLuckie	Depute Provost John
	Steven Carleschi	John McNally	Patrick
	Colin Chalmers	Adrian Mahoney	Provost Pat Reid
	Thomas Coleman	Craig Martin	Ann Ritchie
	Dennis Goldie	Dr Craig R Martin	Robert Spears
	Gerry Goldie	Cecil Meiklejohn	Sandy Turner

OFFICERS: Rose Mary Glackin, Chief Governance Officer
Colin Moodie, Depute Chief Governance Officer
Mary Pitcaithly, Chief Executive
Brian Pirie, Democratic Services Manager

FC58. SEDERUNT

The sederunt was taken by way of roll call. No apologies were intimated.

FC59. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations were made.

FC60. MOTION

Council Structure

Councillor Meiklejohn, seconded by Councillor Jackson moved that:-

“Council believes that the current decision making structures fails to meet the basic requirements of openness and transparency as well as failing to provide a vehicle that can carry out adequate scrutiny of the Council’s decision making process.

We believe that this is partly due to the fact that the current structure is neither a Committee nor a Cabinet.

Council therefore agrees:

- (a) to alter the structure and remit of the Executive Committee to become a Cabinet containing only members of the Administration;

- (b) as a counter balance Council agrees that Scrutiny should be chaired by a member of the opposition and be made up of equal numbers of both Administration and Opposition members;
- (c) in order to carry out the Scrutiny of the Council's business 3 Scrutiny Committees should be established made up from a combination of related portfolio holders remits, and
- (d) furthermore the Committee should be tasked with the scrutiny process pre the Cabinet reports as well as having the autonomy to set its own agenda."

By way of an amendment, Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor D Goldie, moved in substitution for the motion, that:-

"Council agrees with the Audit 2013 Report statement 'councillors who are not attending meetings should consider whether in these circumstances they are meeting their responsibilities in not participating in the scrutiny of council performance'.

Council therefore agrees to the continuation of its decision making structure, including:

- Chair of both Scrutiny committee and Performance panel open to the Opposition
- Any major significant change to policy to be referred to a Policy Panel before Executive decision
- Scrutiny Plan to allow scrutiny of outcome of Executive decisions after a period of operation
- Confirmation of further review in 6 months' time."

Councillor McCabe gave notice of a further amendment.

In terms of Standing Order 22.4(i) a vote was taken by roll call, there being 32 members present with voting as undernoted:-

For the motion (15) - Councillors Alexander, Balfour, Bird, Carleschi, Chalmers, Coleman, Hughes, Jackson, McCabe, McNally, Meiklejohn, Oliver, Ritchie, Spears and Turner.

For the amendment (17) – Provost Reid; Depute Provost Patrick; Baillies Buchanan and Paterson; Councillors Black, Blackwood, D Goldie, G Goldie, Gow, MacDonald, McLuckie, Mahoney, C Martin, Dr C R Martin, Murray, Nicol and Nimmo.

Accordingly, **AGREED** the terms of the amendment.

The amendment became the substantive motion against which the further amendment was moved.

Councillor McCabe, seconded by Councillor Spears, moved in substitution for the motion, that;

“In light of the recent Audit Scotland annual 2012/13 report on Falkirk Council, where AS state that, “..... continuation of the current situation could undermine local governance and scrutiny arrangements and cause reputational damage to the council”, it is imperative that Council take immediate remedial steps. The current system fails to meet this criteria on a number of counts, as averred to in Audit Scotland’s critical annual report.

Motion

It is the wish of Council that a structures system be introduced which is inclusive; transparent; accountable; and respected by Audit Scotland; SOLACE and any other professional body dealing with the council. The system must be based on a democratic structure with the capacity to provide scrutiny of the political Administration.

In the interim, Council will revert back to the previous proven structures of Full Council and Committee structures prior to March 2013, until the new structures system is agreed and adopted by Full Council.

The new agreed decision making structures must be in place for 1st March 2014.”

In terms of Standing Order 22.4(i) a vote was taken by roll call, there being 32 members present with voting as undernoted:-

For the motion (17) – Provost Reid; Depute Provost Patrick; Baillies Buchanan and Paterson; Councillors Black, Blackwood, D Goldie, G Goldie, Gow, MacDonald, McLuckie, Mahoney, C Martin, Dr C R Martin, Murray, Nicol and Nimmo.

For the amendment (15) - Councillors Alexander, Balfour, Bird, Carleschi, Chalmers, Coleman, Hughes, Jackson, McCabe, McNally, Meiklejohn, Oliver, Ritchie, Spears and Turner.

Decision

Council agreed:

- 1) with the Audit 2013 Report statement ‘councillors who are not attending meetings should consider whether in these circumstances they are meeting their responsibilities in not participating in the scrutiny of council performance’.
- 2) to the continuation of its decision making structure, including:
 - (i) the Chair of both the Scrutiny committee and Performance panel being open to the Opposition
 - (ii) that any major significant change to policy be referred to a policy development panel before Executive decision
 - (iii) the scrutiny plan to allow scrutiny of the outcome of Executive decisions after a period of operation
 - (iv) a further review in 6 months’ time.

FALKIRK COUNCIL

MINUTE of MEETING of FALKIRK COUNCIL held in the MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, FALKIRK on WEDNESDAY 11 DECEMBER 2013 at 9.55 AM.

<u>COUNCILLORS:</u>	David Alexander	Linda Gow	Malcolm Nicol
	David Balfour	Gordon Hughes	Alan Nimmo
	Stephen Bird	Steven Jackson	Martin Oliver
	Allyson Black	Charles MacDonald	Baillie Joan Paterson
	Jim Blackwood	Brian McCabe	Depute Provost John
	Baillie William Buchanan	John McLuckie	Patrick
	Steven Carleschi	John McNally	Provost Pat Reid
	Colin Chalmers	Adrian Mahoney	Ann Ritchie
	Thomas Coleman	Craig Martin	Robert Spears
	Dennis Goldie	Dr Craig R Martin	Sandy Turner
	Gerry Goldie	Cecil Meiklejohn	

<u>OFFICERS:</u>	Margaret Anderson, Director of Social Work Services
	Robin Baird, Waste Strategy Co-ordinator
	Shona Barton, Committee Services Officer
	Fiona Campbell, Head of Policy, Technology and Improvement
	Rhona Geisler, Director of Development Services
	Julie Cole, Transport Planning Manager
	Chris Cox, Public Transport Officer
	Douglas Duff, Head of Economic Development & Environmental Services
	Nigel Fletcher, Acting Director of Education Services
	Gary Greenhorn, Acting Director of Education Services
	Rose Mary Glackin, Chief Governance Officer
	Colin Moodie, Depute Chief Governance Officer
	Brian Pirie, Democratic Services Manager
	Mary Pitcaithly, Chief Executive
	Bryan Smail, Chief Finance Officer

FC61. ORDER OF BUSINESS

The Provost indicated that he had received notice that Councillor Alexander had resigned from the Planning Committee and stated that he would allow the matter to be dealt with as part of the discussion at item FC73. (Membership of the Licensing Board and Civic Licensing Committee).

In terms of Standing Order 14.2(i), the Provost varied the order of business from that detailed on the agenda for the meeting. The following items have been recorded in the order that they were taken at the meeting.

FC62. SEDERUNT

The sederunt was taken by way of a roll call. An apology was intimated on behalf of Councillor Rosie Murray.

FC63. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations were made.

FC64. MINUTES AND INFORMATION BULLETIN

- (a) Meeting of Falkirk Council held on 25 September 2013.

Decision

The minute of the meeting held on 25 September 2013 was agreed as a correct record.

- (b) Special meeting of Falkirk Council held on 30 September 2013.

Decision

The minute of the special meeting held on 30 September 2013 was agreed as a correct record.

- (c) Special meeting of Falkirk Council held on 7 October 2013.

Decision

The minute of the special meeting held on 7 October 2013 was agreed as a correct record.

- (d) Special meeting of Falkirk Council held on 24 October 2013.

Decision

The minute of the special meeting held on 24 October 2013 was agreed as a correct record subject to the amendment of Item FC56 to read “Members of Council declared the following interests in item FC57”.

- (e) Volume of Minutes – Volume 3 2013/2014.

Decision

The Volume of Minutes – Volume 3 was noted.

(c) Information Bulletin – Volume 3 2013/2014

Decision

The Information Bulletin – Volume 3 2013/2014 was noted.

FC65. QUESTIONS

In terms of Standing Order 32.1, 10 written questions had been submitted to the Leader of the Council and/or the portfolio holders. All were answered at the meeting. The answers are recorded at appendix 1.

FC66. TREASURY MANAGEMENT – INTERIM REVIEW 2013/14

Council considered a report by the Chief Finance Officer presenting, as part of the Treasury Management Code of Practice requirements, a mid year review of the Treasury Management function of the Council.

The report had been previously considered by the Executive on 19 November and it had been referred to Council for consideration.

Decision

Council noted the report.

FC67. WEB CASTING COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council considered a report by the Chief Executive providing further information on the costs and technical requirements of implementing a web streaming package for all principal Council meetings including the facility to access streamed webcasts at a later date from the Council's website.

Council had previously, on 9 June 2013, requested a report on the likely costs to web cast and access archived recordings of all principal meetings. A report had been considered by Council on 25 September and further information had been requested.

The report set out in detail the technical issues and costs involved in establishing a webcasting service and highlighted issues in regard to resources, training and data protection.

In light of the indicative costs for webcasting set out in the report, Councillor C Martin, seconded by Baillie Paterson moved that “the Chief Executive be asked for a future report on the costs and technical implications of audio recording Council meetings.”

By way of an amendment Councillor Meiklejohn, seconded by Councillor Jackson, moved in substitution that:-

“Council recognises the benefits to the general public of Council meetings to be recorded and being accessible on the Web and therefore agrees to initiate a senior schools competition, the remit of which would be to design a recording methodology for Council meetings that would enable them to be placed in the public domain following conclusion of which, the winning design would be implemented and the School given a monetary prize for example £5,000.”

Councillor G Goldie gave notice of a further amendment.

Following discussion, Council adjourned at 11.05 a.m. to allow members to consider the motion and amendment and reconvened at 11.20 a.m. with all members present as per the sederunt.

Councillor Martin, with the consent of the Provost and of Baillie Paterson, as his seconder, adjusted the terms of his motion to read:

The Chief Executive is requested to bring forward a report on the audio recording of Council meetings, the report to include as one of the options, the potential to initiate a competition for senior schools to design such a system, the report be discussed with Group Leaders so that if agreed it can be implemented without delay.”

In terms of Standing Order 22.4.1, a vote was taken by roll call, there being 31 members present with voting as undernoted:-

For the motion (16) – Provost Reid; Depute Provost Patrick; Baillies Buchanan and Paterson; Councillors Black, Blackwood, D Goldie, G Goldie, Gow, MacDonald, McLuckie, Mahoney, Martin, Dr CR Martin, Nicol and Nimmo.

Against for the amendment (15) – Councillors Alexander, Balfour, Bird, Carleschi, Chalmers, Coleman, Hughes, Jackson, McCabe, McNally, Meiklejohn, Oliver, Ritchie, Spears and Turner.

The adjusted motion was agreed and became the substantive motion.

Having given notice of a further amendment, Councillor Goldie stated that he would not move an amendment.

Councillor McCabe then gave notice of a further amendment, and moved, in substitution for the motion, with Councillor Spears as his seconder, that “Council agrees to the implementation, as soon as possible, and in time for the next scheduled council meeting **(in March 2014)** of audio recording of all Council meetings.”

On a division 15 members voted for the amendment and 16 voted for the motion.

Decision

Council agreed:-

- 1) to request the Chief Executive to bring forward a report on the audio recording of Council meetings, the report to include as one of the options, the potential to initiate a competition for senior schools to design such a system, and
- 2) that the report be discussed with Group Leaders so that, if agreed, it can be implemented without delay.

FC68. REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACES 2013/14

Council considered a report by the Chief Executive presenting a revised polling scheme for use at elections, by elections and referendums.

The Council is required by section 18A of the Representation of the People Act 1983 to keep its polling districts under review. The last full review had been undertaken during 2010/11 with a revised polling scheme being agreed in October 2011.

Details were given of a review of the current scheme which was undertaken in 2013. The report detailed feedback received during the consultation stages of the review of polling places and polling districts and highlighted proposed options for consideration.

The Provost proposed that Council consider the proposals as set out in paras 4.3.1 – 4.3.9 of the report on a ward by ward basis and that Council would be guided by the views of the local members in each case.

Ward 1 – Bo’ness and Blackness

The proposals were acceptable to the local members.

Ward 2 – Grangemouth

The proposal for no change was acceptable to the local members

Ward 3 – Denny and Banknock

The local members expressed a preference to retain Fankerton Village Hall as a polling place for the current electorate and for those voters taking up residence in the new housing developments situated within the FW310 polling district with, in due course, consideration being given to moving all of Stoneywood to FW310.

Ward 4 – Carse, Kinnaird and Tryst

The minor amendment in regard to FE406 (to include two properties currently within FE411) was accepted. The local members agreed to discuss the remaining proposals with officers during an adjournment.

Ward 5 – Bonnybridge and Larbert

The local members expressed a preference that the status quo was retained in regard to polling district FW515 where voting currently takes place in a mobile unit situated at the old Torwood Primary School site, and the retention of polling districts FW525 (Bonnybridge Community Centre) and FW530 (Antonine Primary School) as per the current scheme with a mobile polling place located at Antonine Primary School while the school is being refurbished. The local members also asked that consideration be given in future to the potential for voters in Greenhill to use Antonine Primary School and for voters in the Inches to use Kinnaird Primary School.

Ward 6 – Falkirk North

No changes were proposed; however the local members requested that further consideration be given to establishing a polling station within New Carron Village and agreed to discuss the location of polling places with officers during an adjournment.

Ward 7 – Falkirk South

The local members recommended no change to the current scheme and requested that a mobile polling place be located at the junction of Parkhead Road and Hallglen Terrace.

Ward 8 – Lower Braes

The local members recommended no change to the current scheme.

Ward 9 – Upper Braes

The local members recommended no change to the current scheme.

The Provost, mindful that those local members representing wards 4 and 6 had agreed to discuss issues relating to their wards during the adjournment for lunch, and that the feasibility of siting the mobile polling unit requested in ward 7 was still to be checked, proposed that deliberation on this item be continued after the adjournment.

FC69. EXECUTION OF DEEDS

Council considered a report by the Chief Governance Officer detailing those deeds that had been signed by her since the last meeting.

Decision

Council noted the report.

Council adjourned for lunch at 12.45 p.m. and reconvened at 1.45 p.m. with all members present as per the sederunt.

FC70. REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACES 2013/14 – CONTINUED

Ward 7 – Falkirk South

The Chief Executive confirmed that there was no impediment of siting the mobile polling unit in Glen Village as requested.

Ward 4 – Carse, Kinnaird and Tryst

The local members recommended no change to the current scheme other than the minor amendment referred to above.

Ward 6 – Falkirk North

The local members were in agreement that a temporary polling station should be provided for the New Carron Village area and their preference was that Council delegate to local members and the Chief Executive to determine its location. Should an agreement not be reached the status quo would prevail.

Decision

Council agreed to:-

- 1) adopt the revised Polling Scheme subject to the comments of local members set out in the minute, for use at elections, by-elections and referendums held between this review and the next, in five years, subject to ad hoc changes being reported to Council in the interim period, the adjusted polling scheme being attached as appendix 2 to this minute, and
- 2) to delegate to the Chief Executive, in consultation with local members, to determine the feasibility preferred, location and electorate for a polling place serving the New Carron Village area (Ward 6 – Falkirk North).

FC71. SUSTAINABLE WASTE COLLECTION

Council considered a report by the Director of Development Services presenting the outcome of a review of its waste collection service and outlining 3 options in regard to the collection frequency.

Council had agreed its Zero Waste Strategy 2012-2022 in 2012 and had agreed, in January 2013, to review its waste collection service.

Local Authorities are required in terms of the national Zero Waste Plan and the Waste (Scotland) Regulations 2012 to meet specific targets in regard to the recycling/composting and preparation for reuse of both household waste and all wastes.

A review of the Council's waste collection services had been undertaken by Zero Waste Scotland on behalf of Falkirk Council. The review set out 3 options aimed at improving recycling efficiency within the area and reducing the volume of waste sent to landfill. No changes were proposed to the fortnightly collection of garden waste and black box textiles or the weekly collection of food waste. However options were presented in regard to residual (non recyclable) collection and co-mingled recycling collection. The options were:-

Option 1: Residual waste collection reduced from fortnightly to 3-weekly, co-mingled recycling collection to remain fortnightly

Option 2: Residual waste collection reduced from fortnightly to 3-weekly and co-mingled recycling collection increased from fortnightly to weekly

Option 3: Residual waste collection reduced from fortnightly to 4-weekly

The benefits in terms of the likely impact on the Council's recycling routes and the cost of the service were set out for each option.

Councillor Dr C R Martin, seconded by Baillie Paterson, moved that Council adopts option 1 in regard to its waste collection service and instructs the Directors of Corporate and Neighbourhood Services and Development Services to develop a detailed implementation plan for approval at a future meeting.

By way of an amendment, Councillor Bird, seconded by Councillor McNally, moved, in substitution for the motion, that Council:-

- 1) endorses the Scottish Government's Zero Waste Strategy and notes the outcomes of the collection service review with concern, and
- 2) notes that the report raises more questions than it answers and therefore calls for a further report to the March meeting which addresses the issues and concerns of members. Council also calls for a further report in March which will provide clarity on how we will seek to become a Zero Waste Town by 2025.

In terms of Standing Order 22.4.1, a vote was taken by roll call, there being 31 members present with voting as undernoted:-

For the motion (16) – Provost Reid; Depute Provost Patrick; Baillies Buchanan and Paterson; Councillors Black, Blackwood, D Goldie, G Goldie, Gow, MacDonald, McLuckie, Mahoney, Martin, Dr CR Martin, Nicol and Nimmo.

Against for the amendment (15) – Councillors Alexander, Balfour, Bird, Carleschi, Chalmers, Coleman, Hughes, Jackson, McCabe, McNally, Meiklejohn, Oliver, Ritchie, Spears and Turner.

Decision

Council agreed to:-

- 1) **adopt a 3 weekly residual waste collection frequency, as set out as option 1 in the report, and**
- 2) **instruct the Directors of Corporate and Neighbourhood Services and Development Services to develop a detailed implementation plan for approval at a future meeting.**

Councillor Coleman left the meeting following consideration of the previous item of business.

FC72. REPRESENTATION OF ELECTED MEMBERS ON THE COMMUNITY PLANNING LEADERSHIP BOARD

Council considered a report by the Chief Executive setting out the current membership of the Community Planning Leadership Board and inviting Council to nominate members to the Board.

Details were given of the current membership of the Community Planning Partnership Leadership Board. Following the abolition of the Central Scotland Joint Fire and Rescue and Police Boards and the introduction of the Council's new decision making structure, nominations were sought for the Council's representatives on the Board. In terms of the Board's terms of reference, the Leader of the Council was the chair of the Board.

Decision

Council agreed:-

- 1) **that the Leader of the Council would continue as chair of the Community Planning Leadership Board;**
- 2) **to appoint, in addition, Councillors Blackwood, Meiklejohn and Nimmo to the Leadership Board, and**
- 3) **to receive regular updates on the work of the Community Planning Partnership and its Leadership Board.**

Councillor Coleman rejoined the meeting following the previous item of business.

FC73. MEMBERSHIP OF THE LICENSING BOARD AND CIVIC LICENSING COMMITTEE

Council considered a report by the Chief Governance Officer summarising options should it wish to reduce the size of the Licensing Board and the Civic Licensing Committee.

As indicated by the Provost at the start of the meeting, Council also considered the appointment of a member to the Planning Committee following the resignation of Councillor Alexander.

(i) Licensing Board and Civic Licensing Committee

Council had previously noted the resignations of a member each from the Licensing Board and Civic Licensing Committee and had requested a report on the membership of said bodies, should Council wish to reduce their size. Options in regard to the size of each body were provided together with information on the attendance at meetings since June 2012.

Decision

Council agreed to maintain the current constitution and membership of the Licensing Board and Civic Licensing Committee.

(ii) Planning Committee

Council had appointed Councillor Alexander to the Planning Committee in May 2012 as one of the SNP group's positions on the Committee. Provost Reid confirmed that Councillor Alexander had now resigned from the Committee and sought nominations to the vacant post which, in accordance with the decision on political proportionality agreed by Council on 18 May 2012, fell to the SNP Group.

Councillor Alexander, seconded by Councillor Meiklejohn, nominated Councillor McCabe.

Following discussion, Provost Reid, in terms of Standing Order 20.11, determined that there was not a general agreement in regard to the nomination of Councillor McCabe and as such put the nomination to the vote.

In terms of Standing Order 22.4.1, a vote was taken by roll call, there being 31 members present with voting as undernoted:-

For (14) – Councillors Alexander, Balfour, Bird, Carleschi, Chalmers, Coleman, Hughes, Jackson, McNally, Meiklejohn, Oliver, Ritchie, Spears and Turner.

Against (16) – Provost Reid; Depute Provost Patrick; Baillies Buchanan and Paterson; Councillors Black, Blackwood, D Goldie, G Goldie, Gow, MacDonald, McLuckie, Mahoney, Martin, Dr CR Martin, Nicol and Nimmo.

Abstention (1) – Councillor McCabe

Accordingly the nomination was not accepted. Councillor Meiklejohn, seconded by Councillor Carleschi, then nominated Councillor McNally.

Decision

Council agreed to appoint Councillor McNally to the Planning Committee.

Councillors Alexander and Spears left the meeting following consideration of the previous item.

FC74. MOTIONS

Six motions had been submitted – (i) Council Structures, (ii) Bonnybridge Social Club, (iii) Discretionary Housing Payment, (iv) Scottish Welfare Fund, (v) Business Support and (vi) 2014 – 700th Anniversary.

The Provost stated that as motion (i) Council Structures had been considered at the Special meeting of Council on 9 December 2013, it could not be considered at this meeting, in accordance with Standing Order 35.1. The remaining motions related to matters within the remit of the Executive and, having consulted with the Council Leader and the Leader of the Opposition, and in accordance with Standing Order 31.1, he was not of the opinion that special circumstances existed requiring an exception to be made to that general rule. Consequently the motions stood referred to the Executive.

Councillor Meiklejohn withdrew notices (iii) Discretionary Housing Payment, and (iv) Scottish Welfare Fund.

Councillor McCabe withdrew notion (vi) 2014 – 700th Anniversary.

Councillor Spears withdrew motion (v) Business Support.

With no movers for these motions, they were, in terms of Standing Order 29.9, dropped.

Decision

Council referred motion (ii) Bonnybridge Social Club to the Executive.

Motion (i) Council Structures fell; and motions (iii) Discretionary Housing Payment; (iv) Scottish Welfare Fund; (v) Business Support and (vi) 2014 – 700th Anniversary were dropped.

Councillor Spears rejoined the meeting during consideration of the previous item.

FALKIRK COUNCIL

QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDER 32

Standing Order 32 enables Councillors to put questions to the Leader of the Council or the relevant portfolio holder on matters transacted at a meeting of the Executive or the Education Executive during the preceding cycle. The table below details the questions asked and answered at the meeting.

ORDER QUESTION TAKEN	COMMITTEE / MINUTE REFERENCE	TITLE OF REPORT AND QUESTION	ANSWER	SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION	ANSWER
1	EXECUTIVE – 8 October 2013 REF EX71	Consultation on Bus Regulation (Scotland) Bill What additional powers does the Administration wish to have in improving bus operation throughout the local area? Question by Councillor Stephen Bird	The portfolio holder for the Environment advised that some powers which could help the Council included:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • franchising of profitable and non-profitable routes • the ability to set minimum service levels • the ability to set routes, frequencies and fares, and • the ability to introduce cheaper multi-journey ticketing 	Given that the Leader of the Scottish Labour Party has said that she wants to get away from the “something for nothing culture”, can the portfolio holder guarantee that the free bus pass scheme will remain in place if Labour return to power in the Scottish Parliament.	The portfolio holder said that he couldn’t give that commitment which was a matter for the Scottish Parliament.
2	EXECUTIVE – 8 October 2013 REF EX71	Consultation on Bus Regulation (Scotland) Bill What representations have been made to Prof Arthur Midwinter’s review of the “something for nothing” culture? Question by Councillor Stephen Bird	The portfolio holder for Environment advised that he had been in touch with Professor Midwinter’s office who had advised that he was not involved in such a review.	Councillor Bird referred again to comments by the Leader of the Scottish Labour Party and advised that Professor Midwinter had been asked what “something for nothing” meant for bus services in Scotland in response to	The portfolio holder asked whether the review to which Councillor Bird was referring was the Scottish Public Spending review being led by Professor Midwinter. The major aim from this was the Council tax freeze. The main point

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				which he had stated that he would review everything and that nothing was off the table.	is that £1 billion of targeted spend has disappeared from budgets.
3	EXECUTIVE – 8 October 2013 REF EX73	Financial Position 2013/14 Council notes that the Authority, as 31 August, is predicting an underspend this year of almost £1.5m. Can the Resources Portfolio Holder advise what the estimated figure is to the end of October 2013? Question by Councillor David Alexander	The portfolio holder for Resources advised that in terms of the Scheme of Delegation this question fell within the remit of the Leader of the Council and that he would answer. The Leader of the Council advised that the projected position remains stable with a £1.5m projected underspend which was approximately 0.5% of the Council budget. A report setting out the most up to date position was scheduled to be reported to the January meeting of the Executive.	With two thirds of the year passed, only ½ and 1/3 respectively of the Welfare Fund discretionary housing payments fund has been spent. Why is the Leader of the Council deliberately targeting the most vulnerable in our society for savings which are then put into reserves.	The Leader of the Council advised that the discretionary housing payments fund and the welfare reform fund had an underspend as there is a limit to what these can be spent on. Money was added to these funds by the UK and Scottish Governments. He said this wouldn't be being discussed if the Scottish Government had properly funded the discretionary payments.
4	EDUCATION EXECUTIVE – 29 October 2013 REF EE23	School/College Partnership The partnership with Forth Valley College has been a long standing and positive part of the Educational process and Vocational Education is a desirable element of a rounded Educational Service. Another important element in the transition to full adulthood is understanding the issues behind next	The portfolio holder for Education advised that the Council had a close relationship with Forth Valley College. The SCOTS course is only run at Forth Valley College on a Tuesday afternoon. The other consortium courses are run on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. The remaining time was spent at their own	A few weeks ago the portfolio holder was quoted in the local press attacking the Yes Scotland campaign for their presence at the Grangemouth Youth Forum. Inaccurate statements were made concerning invitations to the event, taking photographs without permission etc.	The portfolio holder said that that no formal invitations had not been issued to any political party.

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		<p>September's Referendum and I would ask what efforts will be made to ensure that young adults who may be eligible to vote in the Referendum do not lose out on school based education because they are on vocational courses.</p> <p>Question by Councillor David Alexander</p>	schools where they will be able to take part in all relevant agreed information surrounding the forthcoming referendum.	Education Services have since apologised for their erroneous statements. Will the portfolio holder make a similar apology?	
5	<p>EDUCATION EXECUTIVE – 29 October 2013</p> <p>REF EE23</p>	<p>School/College Partnership</p> <p>Falkirk Council Employment and Training Unit testing the core skills in numeracy and literacy of all Scots students:-</p> <p>What skills in relation to Literacies are being tested?</p> <p>Question by Councillor Gordon Hughes</p>	<p>The portfolio holder for Education advised that the testing which had taken place was called the Tribal Skills Gold which, through a set of tests, assesses the literacy skills of the young people at an appropriate SCQF level. This would show the young people involved where their reading, interpretation and analysis skills could be improved. It would also produce relevant material to help the young person improve those skills.</p> <p>The young people involved would have those skills reassessed at the end of the year to see where improvements had been made.</p>	Once all the testing is complete and looked at over a period of time, trends appear in relation to literacy. Which skills have been highlighted as needing assessment?	The portfolio holder advised that skills would need to be assessed and tested to identify which require to be improved.
6	EDUCATION EXECUTIVE –	School/College Partnership	The portfolio holder for Education advised that the	In relation to benefits for employers, what do	The portfolio holder advised that he would

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	29 October 2013 REF EE23	As potential workers, what benefits are expected by the Training Unit for the learners and employers? Question by Councillor Gordon Hughes	<p>Tribal Skills gold assessment process was also used by Forth Valley College and was part of the Local Employability partnership approach to improving consistent and equitable assessment of young people.</p> <p>The Core Skill results were used as part of a wider assessment process by the ETU to help determine where on the “Employability Pipeline” the young person would be best suited.</p> <p>For instance, if the results were at SCQF level 4 then this information, along with performance at interview, school academic performance, and SDS referral input where applicable, would allow them to make sure that the vocational training programme was best suited to the young person’s needs and abilities at that point in time, and to serve as a baseline for monitoring improvements over the duration of their training period.</p>	employers value most?	respond to Councillor Hughes in writing.

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7	EDUCATION EXECUTIVE – 29 October 2013 REF EX23	<p>School/College Partnership</p> <p>Has the Falkirk Council Employment and Training Unit developed a Literacy Action Plan appropriate to the needs of the learners?</p> <p>What are the key aspects of this action plan?</p> <p>Question by Councillor Gordon Hughes</p>	<p>The portfolio holder for Education advised that as the young people in question were currently school pupils it continued to be the responsibility of the school, working directly with Forth Valley College Tutors from the SCOTS course, to identify and support literacy needs where applicable, and to monitor progress throughout the delivery period.</p> <p>The aim of the SCOTS course was to encourage continued engagement in Further Education opportunities, in which case any literacy needs would also be supported by Forth Valley College at each stage of the delivery, working jointly with the School contacts in each case.</p> <p>Those pupils who may elect to apply for vocational training opportunities and were assessed to be at risk of negative destination would be identified through the joint 16+ Transition groups established with in each</p>	What specific measures are put in place to support those pupils whose first language is not English?	The portfolio holder advised that he would respond to Councillor Hughes in writing.

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			<p>school.</p> <p>All relevant information relating to Core Skill levels and literacy, numeracy and any other support needs were shared with the partners as part of the decision making in regard to destination groups. As one of those partners, the Employment Training Unit would interview and assess the young person, utilising the background information provided from the 16+ Transition meetings as part of this process. All successful Employment Training Unit recruits would then work to an Individual Training Plan, drawn up by their Employment and Training Co-Ordinator at the start of their training, and this was regularly reviewed and updated throughout their engagement with the Employment Training Unit.</p>		

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8	EDUCATION EXECUTIVE – 29 October 2013 REF EX23	<p>School/College Partnership</p> <p>In relation to the wider aspect of Literacy within the partnership, new drivers for the development of Adult Literacies are: – Adult Literacies in Scotland 2020: Strategic Guidance and the Literacy Action Plan</p> <p>What strategic approach has the partnership agreed in developing progress in relation to literacy?</p> <p>Has each school through consultation with parents and partners developed a Literacy Strategy.</p> <p>Question by Councillor Gordon Hughes</p>	<p>The portfolio holder for Education advised that the Literacy Strategy was informed by the Scottish Government's Literacy Action Plan and shared the Scottish Government's vision of zero tolerance of illiteracy.</p> <p>Consultation has taken place with a variety of stakeholders in relation to Falkirk Council's Literacy Strategy including:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NHS • Education Scotland • Learning Differences Team • School Librarians <p>The agreed approach is to produce a strategy statement, which is inclusive, developing a culture of literacy from pre-birth to adulthood supported by an on-line literacy strategy tool. This on-line tool offers practitioners and parents practical information relating to literacy and provides an overview of how services and agencies contribute to literacy.</p>	In relation to Curriculum for Excellence, which skills are associated with political literacy and having also looked at school literacy action plans which political literacy skills need more resources to address?	The portfolio holder advised that he would respond to Councillor Hughes in writing.
9	EDUCATION	Children & Young People Bill	The portfolio holder for	In the current economic	The portfolio holder

ORDER QUESTION TAKEN	COMMITTEE / MINUTE REFERENCE	TITLE OF REPORT AND QUESTION	ANSWER	SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION	ANSWER
	EXECUTIVE – 29 October 2013 REF EX26	Expansion of Early Learning and Childcare to 600 Hours per Annum Falkirk Council has a policy of co- operation and joint working with the 3 rd sector; can the portfolio holder please advise of what part the 3 rd sector will play in helping to deliver the expansion of early learning and childcare? Question by Councillor Cecil Meiklejohn	Education advised that the 3 rd Sector would continue to play a part in helping to deliver the additional hours of early learning and childcare. Initial conversations had already taken place with private partner nurseries, as that plan to deliver the increased hours is developed, the nurseries would continue to be involved in the discussions.	climate demand for wrap around services has increased. As most of that care is provided by the 3 rd sector, what are the barriers to partnership?	advised that the consultation of the additional hours nursery provision had ended on 30 November 2013 and that a report would be submitted to the Education Executive in February 2014 so the position should be known then.
10	EXECUTIVE – 19 November 2013 REF EX86	Autism Strategy This Council appears to propose to adopt a social work centred approach to providing a service to people with ASD. I would be much obliged if the portfolio holder would provide the rationale underpinning his approach to this matter? Question by Councillor Tom Coleman	The portfolio holder for Health and Social Care advised that this was not a Social Work centred approach. The strategy had been developed in partnership involving Education, Social Work, NHS Forth Valley and the voluntary sector. The report had been strongly influenced by the consultation with families affected by ASD. It was implicit in the strategy that no single service was responsible for providing solutions and that a multi agency approach was needed overseen by a multi-agency improvement team.	Could the portfolio holder provide figures for the number of persons under 18 years of age who have been diagnosed with ASD and are still requiring treatment. Also can information be provided on the number of those who are in the 16 – 18 year old bracket and are receiving post school attention from Social Work Services, the information previously having requested from the service but not provided.	The portfolio holder advised that she was happy to ensure that the information requested by Councillor Coleman was provided to him.

APPENDIX 2

Final Council approved scheme

Ward 1 – Bo’ness and Blackness

Polling District		Proposed Polling Place	Number of electors (as at Dec 2012)	Whether amended
LE101	Carriden	Cowdenhill Community Centre	2,184	No
LE106	Bo’ness South East	Bo’ness Recreation Centre	2,882	No
LE111	Blackness	Blackness Community Hall	319	No
LE121	Bo’ness Centre	Salvation Army Hall	1,006	Merge LE120 and part LE116
LE127	Maidenpark	Kinneil Primary School	2,420	Merge LE126 and part LE116
LE131	Deanfield	Kinneil Bowling Club	1,058	No
LE135	Deanburn	Deanburn Primary School	1,951	No
Total number of electors			11,820	

Ward 2 - Grangemouth

Polling District		Proposed Polling Place	Number of electors (as at Dec 2012)	Whether amended
LE200	Dalgrain	Dalgrain Community Hall	667	No
LE205	Newlands	Newlands Community Centre	3,416	No
LE211	Grangemouth Centre	Grangemouth Town Hall	3,239	No
LE215	Bowhouse	Bowhouse Community Centre	3,467	No
LE221	Inchyra	Dundas Resource Centre	1,630	No
FE230	Skinflats	Bothkennar Community Hall	253	No
Total number of electors			12,672	

Ward 3 – Denny and Banknock

Polling District	Proposed Polling Place	Number of electors (as at Dec 2012)	Whether amended
FW300 Dunipace	Dunipace Church Hall	2,064	No
FW305 Denny Centre	Denny Westpark Church Hall	2,288	No
FW310 Fankerton	Fankerton Village Hall	402	No
FW316 Denny South	Nethermain Primary School	4,085	No
FW321 Head of Muir & Dennyloanhead	Archibald Russell Centre	2,704	No
FW325 Banknock	Banknock (Bankier) Community Centre	2,461	No
FW330 Allandale	Allandale Bowling Club	273	No
Total number of electors		14,277	

Ward 4 – Carse, Kinnaird and Tryst

Polling District	Proposed Polling Place	Number of electors (as at Dec 2012)	Whether amended
FE400 Airth	Airth Community Hall	1,793	No
FE407 Carronshore	Carronshore Sports and Social Hall	2,474	Minor change
FE412 Carron	Carron Primary School	3,123	Minor change
FE416 Carron Dams	Stenhouse & Carron Church Hall	2,407	No
FE421 The Valley	Tryst Community Centre	1,882	No
FW426 Tryst	Stenhousemuir Primary School	2,277	No
FW431 Bellsdyke	Kinnaird Primary School	976	No
FW436 Carronvale Road	Dobbie Hall	5	No
Total number of electors		14,937	

Ward 5 – Bonnybridge and Larbert

Polling District	Proposed Polling Place	Number of electors (as at Dec 2012)	Whether amended
FW500 Inches	Kinnaird Primary School	1,120	No
FW506 South Broomage	Dobbie Hall	1,985	No
FW511 Larbert	Larbert Village Primary School	2,797	No
FW515 Torwood	Torwood Primary School site - mobile	250	No
FW520 North Bonnybridge	Bonnybridge Primary School	2,980	No
FW525 South Bonnybridge/Greenhill	Bonnybridge Community Centre	2,341	No
FW530 High Bonnybridge	Antonine Primary School - mobile	676	No
Total number of electors		12,149	

Ward 6 – Falkirk North

Polling District	Proposed Polling Place	Number of electors (as at Dec 2012)	Whether amended
FW600 Rosebank	Bantaskin Primary School	739	No
Grahamston and Dollar			
FW605 Park	St Francis Xavier Church Hall	1,437	No
FW611 New Carron	Co-op New Carron Village – mobile unit	1,868	New PD
FW612 Bainsford	Bainsford Community Centre	2,075	Remainder of FW610
FW615 Dawson	Dawson Centre	1,561	No
FW620 Victoria	Thornhill Community Centre	3,369	No
FW625 The Bog	Westfield Community Centre	1,747	No
FW630 Callendar Park	Leishman Tower Club Room	1,281	No
FW635 Howgate	Woodlands Games Hall	356	No
LW640 West Mains	Westfield Community Centre	0	No
Total number of electors		14,433	

Ward 7 – Falkirk South

			Number of electors (as at Dec 2012)	
Polling District		Proposed Polling Place		Whether amended
FW701	Camelon West	Easter Carmuir Primary School	1,808	No
FW705	Camelon East	Carmuir Primary School	1,137	No
FW710	Tamfourhill	Tamfourhill Community Centre	1,048	No
FW715	Summerford	Greenbank Court Meeting Room	494	No
FW721	Bantaskin	Bantaskin Primary School	1,394	No
FW726	Camelon North East	Camelon Education Centre	1,093	No
FW731	Woodlands	Woodlands Games Hall	3,355	No
		Parkhead Rd/Hallglen Terr –		
FW740	Glen Village	mobile	260	No
FW746	Hallglen/Lionthorn	Hallglen Sport Centre	2,943	No
FE750	Falkirk rural	Hallglen Sports Centre	68	No
Total number of electors			13,600	

Ward 8 – Lower Braes

			Number of electors (as at Dec 2012)	
Polling District		Proposed Polling Place		Whether amended
FE801	Laurieston North	Laurieston Community Hall	1,133	No
FE806	Laurieston South	Laurieston Primary School	955	No
FE811	Westquarter	Westquarter Community Centre	1,357	No
FE816	Polmont South	Polmont Sports Centre	2,597	No
FE820	Polmont	Greenpark Community Centre	2,777	No
FE826	Brightons	Grange Community Centre	521	No
LE826	Overton/Brightons	Grange Community Centre	897	No
LE830	Beancross and Newlands	Laurieston Community Hall	3	No
LE836	Reddingmuirhead	Reddingmuirhead Community Centre	639	No
LE840	Battock	Maddiston Community Centre	3	No
Total number of electors			10,882	

Ward 9 – Upper Braes			
Polling District		Number of electors (as at Dec 2012)	Whether amended
LE900	Whitecross	Whitecross Power Station Youth Club	590 No
LE905	Maddiston South	Maddiston Old Folk's Hall	829 No
LE911	Wallacestone	Reddingmuirhead Community Centre	1,171 No
LE916	Rumford	Brightons Community Centre	1,492 No
LE921	Maddiston	Maddiston Community Centre	1,898 No
LE925	California	California Community Centre	642 No
LE930	Standburn	Drumbowie Primary School	206 No
LE935	Avonbridge	Avonbridge Community Hall	555 No
LE940	Limerigg	Limerigg Community Hall	200 No
LE945	Slamannan	Slamannan Community Centre	1,182 No
FE950	Lathallan	Brightons Community Centre	0 No
FE955	Brightons South	Brightons Community Centre	981 No
FE960	Shieldhill	Shieldhill Welfare Hall	1,917 No
Total number of electors		11,663	
TOTAL ELECTORS IN THE FALKIRK COUNCIL AREA		116,433	

FALKIRK COUNCIL

MINUTE of SPECIAL MEETING of FALKIRK COUNCIL held in the MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, FALKIRK on WEDNESDAY 12 FEBRUARY 2014 at 9.30AM.

COUNCILLORS:

David Alexander	Gordon Hughes	Malcolm Nicol
David Balfour	Steven Jackson	Alan Nimmo
Stephen Bird	Charles MacDonald	Martin Oliver
Allyson Black	Brian McCabe	Baillie Joan Paterson
Jim Blackwood	John McLuckie	Depute Provost John
Baillie William Buchanan	John McNally	Patrick
Steven Carleschi	Adrian Mahoney	Provost Pat Reid
Colin Chalmers	Craig Martin	Ann Ritchie
Thomas Coleman	Dr Craig R Martin	Robert Spears
Gerry Goldie	Cecil Meiklejohn	Sandy Turner
Linda Gow	Rosie Murray	

OFFICERS:

Karen Algie, Head of Human Resources
Margaret Anderson, Director of Social Work
Shona Barton, Committee Services Officer
Danny Cairney, Accountancy Services Manager
John Flannigan, Depute Chief Finance Officer
Nigel Fletcher, Acting Director of Education Services
Rhona Geisler, Director of Development Services
Kenny Gillespie, Property and Asset Manager
Linda Gilliland, Policy and Community Planning Team Leader
Gary Greenhorn, Acting Director of Education Services
Rose Mary Glackin, Chief Governance Officer
David McGhee, Head of Resources and Procurement
Colin Moodie, Depute Chief Governance Officer
Brian Pirie, Democratic Services Manager
Mary Pitcaithly, Chief Executive
Stuart Ritchie, Director of Corporate and Neighbourhood Services
Antonia Sobieraj, Committee Services Officer
Bryan Smail, Chief Finance Officer

ALSO Maureen Campbell, Chief Executive, Falkirk Community Trust
ATTENDING: Ian Scott, Chairman, Falkirk Community Trust

FC75. PROVOST'S REMARKS

Provost Reid paid tribute to former Councillor Simon Martin who had passed away recently. Council observed a minute's silence in memory of his contribution to the community of Falkirk.

FC76. SEDERUNT

The sederunt was taken by way of a roll call. An apology was intimated on behalf of Councillor Dennis Goldie.

FC77. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Provost Reid, Baillie Joan Paterson and Councillors Gow and Nicol all declared a non-financial interest in item FC78 as Directors of Falkirk Community Trust, but did not consider that this required them to recuse themselves from consideration of the item, having regard to the relevant specific exclusion contained in the Code of Conduct.

The Provost and Councillor Carleschi each declared a non-financial interest in item FC80 as members of the Dobbie Hall Trust but did not consider that this required them to recuse themselves from consideration of the item, having had regard to the objective test in the Code of Conduct.

FC78. FALKIRK COMMUNITY TRUST – BUSINESS PLAN

Council considered a report by the Chief Executive and the Chief Finance Officer (a) advising that the funding agreement between the Council and Falkirk Community Trust (FCT) required that the Trust submit annually a business plan for the following year for approval by the Council; (b) presenting the five year 2014/19 Business Plan and the 2014/15 Annual Action Plan; (c) highlighting guiding principles against which individual charges would be set by the Trust, and (d) summarising the proposed capital programme for 2014/15.

Councillor Mahoney, seconded by Baillie Paterson, moved that Council agrees:-

- (1) the Falkirk Community Trust Business Plan Strategy 2014-2019 and Annual Action Plan 2014-15;
- (2) a Service Payment of £13.161m to Falkirk Community Trust for 2014/15, and
- (3) the capital expenditure proposals for 2014/15 as outlined in paragraph 4.1 of the report.

By way of an amendment, Councillor McNally, seconded by Councillor Jackson, moved in substitution for the motion that Council agrees:-

- (1) “the Community Trust Business Plan Strategy 2014-19 and the Annual Action Plan 2014-15;
- (2) a service payment of £12,822,000 to Falkirk Community Trust for 2014/15;
- (3) that a price freeze for this year be implemented on all fees and charges; and
- (4) the capital expenditure proposals for 2014/15 as outlined at paragraph 4.1 of the report, and

- (5) to call for a best value review of the Trust to ensure it is meeting the terms of Council decision in 2011 to transfer the service outwith the local authority control”.

Council then adjourned at 10.15 am to allow members of the Administration to consider the terms of the proposed amendment and reconvened at 11.05 a.m. with members present as per the sederunt.

With the consent of the Provost, and Councillor Jackson as his seconder, Councillor McNally adjusted the terms of his amendment to the following:

“Council:-

- (1) notes the Community Trust Business Plan Strategy 2014-2019 and the Annual Action Plan 2014 -15;
- (2) agrees a service payment of £12,881,940 be made to Falkirk Community Trust for 2014/15;
- (3) agrees that a price freeze for this year be implemented on all fees and charges;
- (4) approves the capital expenditure proposals for 2014/15 as outlined at paragraph 4.1 of the report,
- (5) recognises under the terms of the contract that Falkirk Community Trust will require to come back with an amended business plan for consideration and
- (6) calls for a best value review of the Trust to ensure it is meeting the terms of the Council decision in 2011 to transfer the service outwith local authority control”.

In terms of Standing Order 22.4(i) a vote was taken by roll call, there being 31 members present with voting as undernoted.

For the motion (16) – Provost Reid; Depute Provost Patrick; Baillies Buchanan and Paterson; Councillors Black, Blackwood, G Goldie, Gow, MacDonald, McLuckie, Mahoney, Martin, Dr CR Martin, Murray, Nicol and Nimmo.

For the amendment (15) – Councillors Alexander, Balfour, Bird, Carleschi, Chalmers, Coleman, Hughes, Jackson, McCabe, McNally, Meiklejohn, Oliver, Ritchie, Spears and Turner.

Decision

Council agreed:-

- (1) the Falkirk Community Trust Business Plan Strategy 2014-2019 and Annual Action Plan 2014-15;
- (2) a Service Payment of £13.161m to Falkirk Community Trust for 2014/15, and

- (3) the capital expenditure proposals for 2014/15 as outlined in paragraph 4.1 of the report.

Council adjourned for lunch at 12.45 p.m. and reconvened at 1.30 p.m. with all members present as per the sederunt.

FC79. REVENUE BUDGET 2014/15

Council considered a report by the Chief Executive and the Chief Finance Officer (a) setting out the Administration's revenue budget proposals for 2014/15 which had been informed by the Council's priorities in the 2012-17 Corporate Plan and the Single Outcome Agreement, and (b) outlining the projected financial position for the subsequent 3 years as reflected in the Medium Term Financial Plan.

Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Nicol, moved that Council agrees:-

- (1) to accept the Draft Budget for 2014/15 as proposed in the report and appended to it;
- (2) to levy a Council Tax for 2014/15 as follows:-
 - (i) a Council Tax to be paid in respect of a chargeable dwelling in Council Tax Valuation Band D of £1,070, representing a nil increase;
 - (ii) a Council Tax to be paid in respect of a chargeable dwelling in each of the other Council Tax Valuations Bands in accordance with Section 74 (1) of the Local Government Act 1992 (as set out in paragraph 10.3 of the report);
- (3) replenish the earmarked Spend to Save Reserve by £1.5m as set out in para 5.7.5 of the report;
- (4) that any shortfall in savings proposals flowing from due Equality & Poverty Impact Assessment process, together with other necessary consultations, will be covered by reserves (as detailed at paras 5.7.7 & 6.2 of the report);
- (5) to delegate authority to the Chief Executive to issue a statutory notice to the Trade Unions in respect of the workforce implications of the budget proposals;
- (6) to note the actions being taken to assist with reductions in workforce spend, and to avoid compulsory redundancies as far as possible, as outlined at Section 6 of the report;
- (7) to note the development of the Business Transformation project and agree to such work progressing with updates being provided to the Executive at appropriate stages;
- (8) to change the savings criteria contained within the Severance Policy as detailed at Section 6 of the report;

- (9) to a further review of the Severance Policy to reduce the cost of the severance package with a report being submitted to the Executive on proposed changes, as detailed at Section 6 of the report;
- (10) to instruct Chief Officers to deliver Services within the specific budget allocation for each Service and authorise them to take such actions as may be required to give effect to the service delivery proposals outlined in section 6 of the report.

By way of an amendment, Councillor Meiklejohn seconded by Councillor Jackson, moved the following changes with regard to the draft budget referred to in paragraph (1) of the motion and the spend to save proposals referred to in paragraph (3) thereof:-

(1) “ Council agrees:-

- (i) to commit to the Revenue Budget resources the full figure of the 2013/14 projected underspend for the year (net of £1.5m recommended allocations of spend to save) **£700,000**

Total Savings £700k

(ii) to the following amendments to the Revenue Budget:-

- a. Social Work Budget – Freeze charges for essential services, scrap SW7 **£64,000**
- b. Scrap SW1 (income from non residential charging) **£101,000**
- c. Scrap SW13 (shift in external home care provision) **£37,000**
- d. Scrap SW22 (review of abuse services) **£68,000**
- e. Scrap SW6 (eligibility criteria and charging policy for transport) **£50,000**
- f. Corporate & Neighbourhood Budget, (CN12) increase burial and cremation fees by 2% **£117,000**
- g. Education budget – scrap ED29 (stop swimming lessons for P5 pupils) **£65,000**
- h. Scrap ED21 (align let prices with the trust) **£122,000**
- i. Scrap ED4 (full cost recovery of baby provision) **£29,000**
- j. Scrap ED15 (increase in child care fees by 5%) **£20,000**
- k. Economic Development budget – additional heading. The renewables industry presents an opportunity for the establishment of more social enterprises. Place in budget provision for a district wide audit to identify potential sites for small scale hydro schemes and carry out a scoping exercise to detail possibilities for community based social enterprises **£27,000**

Total additional spend £700,000

- (3) Council notes the existence of proposals for Spend to Save projects involving the Falkirk Leisure Trust. As responsibility for monitoring the Trust and approving their Business Plan lies with the full Council it is proposed that Council agrees in principle to adding £1.5m from reserves with a full follow up report, including proposals involving the Falkirk Leisure Trust to the March 2014 meeting of the full Council”.

Councillor Ritchie gave notice of a further amendment.

During discussion on this item, Councillor Ritchie declared a non-financial interest as a member of the Bo’ness Fair Committee but did not consider that this required her to recuse herself from consideration of the item, having had regard to the objective test in the Code of Conduct.

In terms of Standing Order 22.4(i) a vote was taken by roll call, there being 31 members present and voting as undernoted.

For the motion (16) – Provost Reid; Depute Provost Patrick; Baillies Buchanan and Paterson; Councillors Black, Blackwood, G Goldie, Gow, MacDonald, McLuckie, Mahoney, Martin, Dr CR Martin, Murray, Nicol and Nimmo.

For the amendment (15) – Councillors Alexander, Balfour, Bird, Carleschi, Chalmers, Coleman, Hughes, Jackson, McCabe, McNally, Meiklejohn, Oliver, Ritchie, Spears and Turner.

The motion became the substantive motion against with the further amendment was made.

Councillor Turner, seconded by Carleschi, moved, in substitution for that part of the substantive motion that referred to Registration offices, that:-

“a review of the Registrars’ service is undertaken in recognition of the geographical realities of the distances and difficulties which would be involved for residents and this is paid for from reserves”.

Councillor McCabe gave notice of a further amendment.

In terms of Standing Order 22.4(i) a vote was taken by roll call, there being 31 members present and voting as undernoted.

For the motion (16) – Provost Reid; Depute Provost Patrick; Baillies Buchanan and Paterson; Councillors Black, Blackwood, G Goldie, Gow, MacDonald, McLuckie, Mahoney, Martin, Dr CR Martin, Murray, Nicol and Nimmo.

For the amendment (15) – Councillors Alexander, Balfour, Bird, Carleschi, Chalmers, Coleman, Hughes, Jackson, McCabe, McNally, Meiklejohn, Oliver, Ritchie, Spears and Turner.

Councillor McCabe then moved his further amendment as follows:-

“Council deletes the proposed savings of £68,000 in regard to abuse services – in particular Open Secret, and that this cost is met from reserves (SW22)”.

The Provost ruled that the amendment was similar to that moved by Councillor Meiklejohn earlier at para 1 (ii) (d) of her amendment which had been voted upon. In terms of Standing Order 35.1 the proposed further amendment was not competent.

Decision

Council agreed:-

- (1) the draft Budget for 2014/15 as proposed in the report**
- (2) to levy a Council Tax for 2014/15 as follows:-**
 - a. a Council Tax to be paid in respect of a chargeable dwelling in Council Tax Valuation Band D of £1,070, representing a nil increase;**
 - b. a Council Tax to be paid in respect of a chargeable dwelling in each of the other Council Tax Valuations Bands in accordance with Section 74 (1) of the Local Government Act 1992 (as set out in paragraph 10.3 above);**
- (3) to replenish the earmarked Spend to Save Reserve by £1.5m as set out in para 5.7.5 of the report;**
- (4) that any shortfall in savings proposals flowing from due Equality & Poverty Impact Assessment process, together with other necessary consultations, would be covered by reserves (as set out in paras 5.7.7 & 6.2 of the report);**
- (5) to delegate authority to the Chief Executive to issue a statutory notice to the Trade Unions in respect of the workforce implications of the budget proposals;**
- (6) to note the actions being taken to assist with reductions in workforce spend, and to avoid compulsory redundancies as far as possible, as outlined at Section 6 of the report;**
- (7) to note the development of the Business Transformation project and agree to such work progressing with updates being provided to the Executive at appropriate stages;**
- (8) the change to the savings criteria contained within the Severance Policy as detailed at Section 6 of the report;**

- (9) a further review of the Severance Policy to reduce the cost of the severance package with a report being submitted to the Executive on proposed changes, as detailed at Section 6 of the report;
- (10) to instruct Chief Officers to deliver Services within the specific budget allocation for each Service and authorise them to take such actions as may be required to give effect to the service delivery proposals outlined in section 6 of this report.

FC80. THREE YEAR GENERAL CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2014/15 – 2016/17

Council considered a report by the Chief Finance Officer presenting the proposed capital investment programme for the financial years 2014-2017 on all areas of service delivery with the exception of Council Housing.

The report outlined proposals including ambitious investment plans of £81.8m over 3 years including the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) scheme. Investments were set around an estimated level of resources with consideration given to the effect on future resources of major projects that do not complete in the 3 year period and the ongoing need for investment in the Council's roads infrastructure, vehicles, IT, etc.

Councillor Craig Martin, seconded by Baillie Paterson, moved that Council approves the General Services Capital Programme and notes the Prudential Indicators.

By way of an amendment, Councillor Meiklejohn, seconded by Councillor Carleschi, moved the following addendum to the motion:-

- (1) "A commitment of £54,000 for identified external works for the Dobbie Hall, to be met by prudential borrowing and efficiency savings from future revenue budgets. Council develop an action plan in partnership with the Dobbie Hall Trust to commence in 2015/16 for the refurbishment when the council expects to receive increases in capital funding, and
- (2) A commitment to bring forward into 2014/15 the next phase of the Denny Eastern Access Road. This would be funded from prudential borrowing. The resultant revenue costs would be met from reserves until such times as savings proposals are put forward for future revenue budgets".

In terms of Standing Order 22.4(i) a vote was taken by roll call, there being 31 members present voting as undernoted.

For the motion (16) – Provost Reid; Depute Provost Patrick; Baillies Buchanan and Paterson; Councillors Black, Blackwood, G Goldie, Gow, MacDonald, McLuckie, Mahoney, Martin, Dr CR Martin, Murray, Nicol and Nimmo.

For the amendment (15) – Councillors Alexander, Balfour, Bird, Carleschi, Chalmers, Coleman, Hughes, Jackson, McCabe, McNally, Meiklejohn, Oliver, Ritchie, Spears and Turner.

Decision

Council approved the General Services Capital Programme and noted the Prudential Indicators.

FC81. HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT & COUNCIL HOUSE RENTS 2014/15 – 2016/17

Council considered a report by the Director of Corporate and Neighbourhood Services and the Chief Finance Officer (a) presenting a draft Housing Revenue Account for the financial year 2014/15; (b) making recommendations on the level of council house and other rents for 2014/15, and (c) proposing indicative rent levels for the years 2015/16 to 2016/17.

Councillor G Goldie, seconded by Councillor MacDonald, moved that Council approves the draft Housing Revenue Account budget for 2014/15, with the following specific recommendations:-

- (1) a rent increase of 3.6% to be applied from 1st April 2014. The average fortnightly charge would therefore increase from £120.16 to £124.47, based on the 24 fortnightly periods with no rent being charged during the fortnightly periods commencing 30 June 2014 and 29 December 2014;
- (2) lock-up garage rentals to increase from an average of £5.52 per week to £5.72 per week;
- (3) garage site rentals to increase from £76 per annum to £77 per annum;
- (4) Castings Hostel rentals to increase from £142.65 per room per week to £147.78 per week (excluding fuel charges);
- (5) Homeless property rentals to increase from an average of £165.37 per week to £171.32 per week, and
- (6) to note the indicative budgets and rent increases for 2015/16 and 2016/17 as representing the best information available at this time.

By way of an amendment Councillor Carleschi, seconded by Councillor Meiklejohn, moved the following in substitution for the recommendations:-

“Council agrees an inflation only increase of 2% in rents with the balance, £750,000, from the recommended HRA budget being drawn from reserves and efficiency savings.

Adjust figures all the way down accordingly”.

In terms of Standing Order 22.4(i) a vote was taken by roll call, there being 31 members present voting as undernoted.

For the motion (16) – Provost Reid; Depute Provost Patrick; Baillies Buchanan and Paterson; Councillors Black, Blackwood, G Goldie, Gow, MacDonald, McLuckie, Mahoney, Martin, Dr CR Martin, Murray, Nicol and Nimmo.

For the amendment (15) – Councillors Alexander, Balfour, Bird, Carleschi, Chalmers, Coleman, Hughes, Jackson, McCabe, McNally, Meiklejohn, Oliver, Ritchie, Spears and Turner.

Decision

Council approved the draft Housing Revenue Account budget for 2014/15, with the following specific recommendations:-

- (1) a rent increase of 3.6% to be applied from 1st April 2014. The average fortnightly charge would therefore increase from £120.16 to £124.47, based on the 24 fortnightly periods with no rent being charged during the fortnightly periods commencing 30 June 2014 and 29 December 2014;**
- (2) lock-up garage rentals to increase from an average of £5.52 per week to £5.72 per week;**
- (3) garage site rentals to increase from £76 per annum to £77 per annum;**
- (4) Castings Hostel rentals to increase from £142.65 per room per week to £147.78 per week (excluding fuel charges);**
- (5) homeless property rentals to increase from an average of £165.37 per week to £171.32 per week, and**
- (6) to note the indicative budgets and rent increases for 2015/16 and 2016/17 as representing the best information available at this time.**

FC82. HOUSING INVESTMENT PROGRAMME 2014/15 – 2016/17

Council considered a report by the Director of Corporate and Neighbourhood Services presenting the proposed Housing Investment Programme for the financial years 2014 to 2017.

The report included the key documents of the new build programme for Council Housing and the Housing Investment Programme, detailed the resources available for 2014/15, and set out the Prudential Indicators used to demonstrate that the plans are affordable, prudent and sustainable.

Decision

Council approved the expenditure proposals outlined in the 2014/15 to 2016/17 Housing Investment Programme in appendix 1 of the report.

FC83. THE LOCAL GOVERNANCE (SCOTLAND) ACT 2004 (REMUNERATION) AMENDMENT REGULATIONS 2013

Council considered a report by the Chief Governance Officer (a) outlining the changes to the remuneration levels for members brought about by the Local Governance (Scotland) Act 2004 (Remuneration) Amendment Regulations 2013, and (b) seeking a decision on those payments where the level lies within the discretion of Council.

The report outlined the Regulations as they apply to Councillors, the Council Leader, the Civic Head and Senior Councillors, noting that there was discretion available on the amounts of remuneration paid to the Civic Head and Senior Councillors.

Decision

Council agreed:-

- (1) to note the terms of the Local Governance (Scotland) Act 2004 (Remuneration) Amendment Regulations 2013;
- (2) to note the increase in the level of remuneration that will be paid to councillors and to the Council Leader in accordance with the said Regulations;
- (3) that the remuneration paid to the Civic Head will remain at the level set in 2007;
- (4) to apply a 1% increase in the level of remuneration paid to senior councillors for the period to 31 March 2014 and a further 1% from 1 April 2014, consistent with the increase in basic councillor remuneration, and
- (5) to note that the changes in remuneration will come into effect on 18 February 2014 and will be backdated to 1 April 2013.

FALKIRK COUNCIL

MINUTE of SPECIAL MEETING of FALKIRK COUNCIL held in the MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, FALKIRK on WEDNESDAY 12 FEBRUARY 2014 at 7.00 P.M.

<u>COUNCILLORS:</u>	David Alexander	Gordon Hughes	Malcolm Nicol
	David Balfour	Steven Jackson	Alan Nimmo
	Stephen Bird	Charles MacDonald	Martin Oliver
	Allyson Black	Brian McCabe	Baillie Joan Paterson
	Jim Blackwood	John McLuckie	Depute Provost John
	Baillie William Buchanan	John McNally	Patrick
	Steven Carleschi	Adrian Mahoney	Provost Pat Reid
	Colin Chalmers	Craig Martin	Ann Ritchie
	Thomas Coleman	Dr Craig R Martin	Robert Spears
	Gerry Goldie	Cecil Meiklejohn	Sandy Turner
	Linda Gow	Rosie Murray	

<u>OFFICERS:</u>	John Angell, Head of Planning and Transportation
	Rhona Geisler, Director of Development Services
	Rose Mary Glackin, Chief Governance Officer
	Colin Moodie, Depute Chief Governance Officer
	Brian Pirie, Democratic Services Manager
	Mary Pitcaithly, Chief Executive
	Alan Rodger, Planning and Environment Manager
	Alistair Shaw, Development Plan Co-ordinator

FC84. SEDERUNT

The sederunt was taken by way of a roll call. An apology was intimated on behalf of Councillor Dennis Goldie.

FC85. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations were made.

FC86. PROPOSED FALKIRK LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN –SUBMISSION TO SCOTTISH MINISTERS AND SUMMARY OF UNRESOLVED ISSUES

Council considered a report by the Director of Development Services presenting representations made in respect of the proposed Local Development Plan and requesting approval for the submission of the Plan to the Scottish Ministers.

The Council had, on 6 March 2013, approved its Local Development Plan which set out the Council's broad vision and strategy for the area for 2014-34 and included site specific policies and proposals which will guide development for the first 10 years of the plan.

A 6 week consultation had been undertaken with 1159 submissions received. A summary of the submissions, categorised into 29 issues, was presented. Council was required to consider the submissions and determine whether to make 'notifiable' modifications to the Plan. Such modifications would add, remove or significantly alter any policy or proposal in the plan, and if such modifications were made, Council would be required to republish and re-advertise the plan in its entirety for consultation. If Council was minded not to modify the Plan it would be submitted to the Scottish Ministers who would appoint an external reporter to review any unresolved issues.

Baillie Buchanan, seconded by Councillor McLuckie, moved that Council agree:-

- (1) the submission of the proposed Falkirk Local Development Plan, as approved by Council in March 2013, to Scottish Ministers with a request to appoint person(s) to examine the plan, and
- (2) the Summary of Unresolved Issues contained in appendix 2 to the report as the Council's response to the unresolved representations which had been submitted to the Proposed Plan.

Councillor Oliver, seconded by Councillor Meiklejohn, moved the following amendment in substitution for the motion:-

- “(1) In response to representations received, the Council makes the following modifications to the Proposed Falkirk Local Development Plan:
- (i) Delete Mixed Use Site M15 East Bonnybridge and designate site as green belt
 - (ii) Delete Housing Site H21 Nethermain Road, Denny
 - (iii) Delete Housing Site H69 Hillcrest, Shieldhill
 - (iv) Insert additional Economic Development Site ED27 Maddiston Fire Station as defined on Map 1 with wording as follows:
ED27 Maddiston Fire Station
Site Size : 2.2 hectares
Proposed Uses: Business Class 4
Status: New Proposal
Site Comments: Fire service headquarters currently proposed for closure.
Site to be reserved for business use.

- (v) In Appendix 2: Strategic Growth Area Guidance for Falkirk North include additional bullet point under Housing Site H27 Cauldhame Farm 1 as follows:
‘Consideration should be given for the masterplan to be amended so as to minimise impacts to future development from the landfill site through incorporation of buffer zones’.
 - (vi) In Appendix 2: Strategic Growth Area Guidance for Falkirk North include additional bullet point under Housing Site H28 Cauldhame Farm 2 as follows:
‘Part of site adjacent to Ronades Road, south of Cotland Way, provides opportunity for family restaurant, subject to market demand, masterplanning and community consultation’.
 - (vii) Other consequential changes to the Proposed Plan, and consequential changes to the Revised Environmental Report, Habitats Regulations Appraisal Record, and other supporting documents, as required
 - (viii) Delete site H02 (Kinglass Farm 1) and reinstate the green belt on the site.
- (2) That the Council republishes the modified plan and readvertises it for a period of six weeks for representations, in accordance with the relevant legislation.”

Provost Reid indicated that Council would consider each of the proposed modifications in turn with members voting for or against the proposal.

(i) Delete Mixed Use Site M15 East Bonnybridge and designate site as green belt.

In terms of Standing Order 22.4(i) a vote was taken by roll call, there being 31 members present and voting as undernoted.

For (15) – Councillors Alexander, Balfour, Bird, Carleschi, Chalmers, Coleman, Hughes, Jackson, McCabe, McNally, Meiklejohn, Oliver, Ritchie, Spears and Turner.

Against (16) – Provost Reid; Depute Provost Patrick; Baillies Buchanan and Paterson; Councillors Black, Blackwood, G Goldie, Gow, MacDonald, McLuckie, Mahoney, Martin, Dr CR Martin, Murray, Nicol and Nimmo.

Accordingly this part of the amendment was **NOT AGREED**.

(ii) Delete Housing Site H21 Nethermain Road, Denny.

On a division 15 members voted for the modification and 16 voted against.

Accordingly this part of the amendment was **NOT AGREED**.

(iii) Delete Housing Site H69 Hillcrest, Shieldhill.

In terms of Standing Order 22.4(i) a vote was taken by roll call, there being 31 members present and voting as undernoted.

For (15) – Councillors Alexander, Balfour, Bird, Carleschi, Chalmers, Coleman, Hughes, Jackson, McCabe, McNally, Meiklejohn, Oliver, Ritchie, Spears and Turner.

Against (16) – Provost Reid; Depute Provost Patrick; Baillies Buchanan and Paterson; Councillors Black, Blackwood, G Goldie, Gow, MacDonald, McLuckie, Mahoney, Martin, Dr CR Martin, Murray, Nicol and Nimmo.

Accordingly this part of the amendment was **NOT AGREED**.

Following discussion, consideration of the modifications proposed at (iv), (v) and (vi) was continued until after the adjournment shortly to take place. During discussion of (v) Councillor Alexander gave notice of a further amendment.

(viii) Delete site H02 (Kinglass Farm 1) and reinstate the green belt on the site.

In terms of Standing Order 22.4(i) a vote was taken by roll call, there being 31 members present and voting as undernoted.

For (15) – Councillors Alexander, Balfour, Bird, Carleschi, Chalmers, Coleman, Hughes, Jackson, McCabe, McNally, Meiklejohn, Oliver, Ritchie, Spears and Turner.

Against (16) – Provost Reid; Depute Provost Patrick; Baillies Buchanan and Paterson; Councillors Black, Blackwood, G Goldie, Gow, MacDonald, McLuckie, Mahoney, Martin, Dr CR Martin, Murray, Nicol and Nimmo.

Accordingly this part of the amendment was **NOT AGREED**.

Council then adjourned at 8.20pm to allow members to consider the terms of the modifications at (iv), (v) and (vi) and reconvened at 8.30pm with members present as per the sederunt.

(iv) Insert additional Economic Development Site ED27 Maddiston Fire Station as defined on Map 1 with wording as follows:

ED27 Maddiston Fire Station

Site Size : 2.2 hectares

Proposed Uses: Business Class 4

Status: New Proposal

Site Comments: Fire service headquarters currently proposed for closure.

Site to be reserved for business use.

In terms of Standing Order 22.4(i) a vote was taken by roll call, there being 31 members present and voting as undernoted.

For (15) – Councillors Alexander, Balfour, Bird, Carleschi, Chalmers, Coleman, Hughes, Jackson, McCabe, McNally, Meiklejohn, Oliver, Ritchie, Spears and Turner.

Against (16) – Provost Reid; Depute Provost Patrick; Baillies Buchanan and Paterson; Councillors Black, Blackwood, G Goldie, Gow, MacDonald, McLuckie, Mahoney, Martin, Dr CR Martin, Murray, Nicol and Nimmo.

Accordingly this part of the amendment was **NOT AGREED**.

- (v) **In Appendix 2: Strategic Growth Area Guidance for Falkirk North include additional bullet point under Housing Site H27 Cauldhame Farm 1 as follows:**

‘Consideration should be given for the masterplan to be amended so as to minimise impacts to future development from the landfill site through incorporation of buffer zones’.

In terms of Standing Order 22.4(i) a vote was taken by roll call, there being 31 members present and voting as undernoted.

For (15) – Councillors Alexander, Balfour, Bird, Carleschi, Chalmers, Coleman, Hughes, Jackson, McCabe, McNally, Meiklejohn, Oliver, Ritchie, Spears and Turner.

Against (16) – Provost Reid; Depute Provost Patrick; Baillies Buchanan and Paterson; Councillors Black, Blackwood, G Goldie, Gow, MacDonald, McLuckie, Mahoney, Martin, Dr CR Martin, Murray, Nicol and Nimmo.

Accordingly this part of the amendment was **NOT AGREED**.

- (vi) **In Appendix 2: Strategic Growth Area Guidance for Falkirk North include additional bullet point under Housing Site H28 Cauldhame Farm 2 as follows:**

‘Part of site adjacent to Ronades Road, south of Cotland Way, provides opportunity for family restaurant, subject to market demand, masterplanning and community consultation’.

In terms of Standing Order 22.4(i) a vote was taken by roll call, there being 31 members present and voting as undernoted.

For (15) – Councillors Alexander, Balfour, Bird, Carleschi, Chalmers, Coleman, Hughes, Jackson, McCabe, McNally, Meiklejohn, Oliver, Ritchie, Spears and Turner.

Against (16) – Provost Reid; Depute Provost Patrick; Baillies Buchanan and Paterson; Councillors Black, Blackwood, G Goldie, Gow, MacDonald, McLuckie, Mahoney, Martin, Dr CR Martin, Murray, Nicol and Nimmo.

Accordingly this part of the amendment was **NOT AGREED**.

In light of the foregoing decisions, the Provost determined that parts (1)(vii) and (2) of the amendment fell given that they were consequential on one or more of the proposed modifications being accepted.

The motion was agreed and became the substantive motion.

In accordance with the notice previously intimated, Councillor Alexander, seconded by Councillor Meiklejohn, moved the following modification to the plan by way of further amendment:-

Allocated Housing Site H26 – Etna Road to be designated as low density housing site.

In terms of Standing Order 22.4(i) a vote was taken by roll call, there being 31 members present and voting as undernoted.

For (15) – Councillors Alexander, Balfour, Bird, Carleschi, Chalmers, Coleman, Hughes, Jackson, McCabe, McNally, Meiklejohn, Oliver, Ritchie, Spears and Turner.

Against (16) – Provost Reid; Depute Provost Patrick; Baillies Buchanan and Paterson; Councillors Black, Blackwood, G Goldie, Gow, MacDonald, McLuckie, Mahoney, Martin, Dr CR Martin, Murray, Nicol and Nimmo.

Accordingly this part of the amendment was **NOT AGREED**.

Councillor McCabe gave notice of a further amendment containing 3 proposed modifications. The Provost indicated each modification would be taken in turn.

(i) Infrastructure proposal INF14 – Denny Eastern Access Road (DEAR)

Councillor McCabe, seconded by Councillor Oliver, moved that the word “largely” be inserted between the words “ funded and by” in the description of the project.

“the insertion of additional wording to the effect that the construction will be funded largely through developer contribution”

On a division 15 members voted for the amendment and 16 voted against.

Accordingly this part of the amendment was **NOT AGREED**.

(ii) Allocated mixed use site M15 – East Bonnybridge

Councillor McCabe moved the following modification:-

“delete site M15 – East Bonnybridge”.

The Provost stated that the amendment was not competent and accordingly it fell.

(iii) Allocated Housing Site H22 – Rosebank, Dunipace

Councillor McCabe, seconded by Councillor McNally, moved the following modification:-

“Delete Housing Site 22”

On a division 15 members voted for the amendment and 16 voted against.

Accordingly this part of the amendment was **NOT AGREED**.

Decision

Council agreed:-

- (1) the submission of the Proposed Falkirk Local Development Plan, as approved by Council in March 2013, to Scottish Ministers with a request to appoint person(s) to examine the plan, and**
- (2) the Summary of Unresolved Issues contained in appendix 2 to the report as the Council’s response to the unresolved representations which have been submitted to the Proposed Plan.**

FALKIRK COUNCIL

QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDER 32

Standing Order 32 enables councillors to put questions to the Leader of the Council or the relevant portfolio holder on matters relating to business transacted at a meeting of the Executive or the Education Executive during the preceding cycle. Written notice of the questions must be given.

The Provost will determine the order in which questions are asked and answered. In doing so, he will endeavour to ensure a fair allocation of questions among members. Where any question seeks factual information that could reasonably have been obtained from an officer in advance of the meeting, councillors will be expected to have obtained that information and the Provost will take this issue into account when determining the order in which questions will be asked.

Answers will take the form of an oral response unless they cannot conveniently be given in that form in which case a written response will be provided and circulated at the meeting. The questioner may ask one supplementary question arising directly from the answer given.

The time set aside for questions and answers will not exceed one hour unless, in exceptional circumstances, the Provost determines otherwise. Questions not answered within the hour will receive written responses within 7 days.

If the Provost is of the opinion that a question is out of order, it will not be answered.

The following questions have been set out in the order in which they appear in the relevant minute. The Provost will determine the order in which they are answered at the meeting.

QUESTION NUMBER	MINUTE REFERENCE	COMMITTEE	TITLE OF REPORT	QUESTION
1	EX103	Executive – 14 January 2014	Local Government Finance Settlement 2014/15	Why has the portfolio holder not reported back to Council on the changes occurring at COSLA? Councillor Cecil Meiklejohn
2	EX103	Executive – 14 January 2014	Local Government Finance Settlement 2014/15	What is the position that Falkirk Council occupies in the league table of the 29 Scottish mainland local authorities

QUESTION NUMBER	MINUTE REFERENCE	COMMITTEE	TITLE OF REPORT	QUESTION
				for the 2014/15 settlement figures as a % change from the previous finance year, and how has this influenced the Administration's budget strategy? Councillor Cecil Meiklejohn
3	EX106	Executive – 14 January 2014	Fairer Falkirk Underspend Proposals	What Falkirk Council staff, or voluntary groups who work with the Council, have, or will be, contacted by the private contractors who have been, and will be, appointed to carry out the Fairer Falkirk survey at a cost of £35,000? Councillor Cecil Meiklejohn
4	EX111	Executive – 14 January 2014	Contract for the Provision of Dry Recyclate Segregation and Resale Service	What is the capacity of the current storage facility for dry recyclate? Councillor Stephen Bird
5	EX111	Executive – 14 January 2014	Contract for the Provision of Dry Recyclate Segregation and Resale Service	When will the meetings on contingency measures commence? Councillor Stephen Bird
6	EX 120	Executive – 25 February 2014	New Waste Collection System - Implementation	What effort has so far been made to engage the communities impacted by phase 1 of this implementation plan? Councillor Stephen Bird

FALKIRK COUNCIL

Subject: FALKIRK COMMUNITY STADIUM LTD
Meeting: FALKIRK COUNCIL
Date: 12 March 2014
Author: CHIEF EXECUTIVE

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This report provides Members with a further update in respect of Falkirk Community Stadium Ltd., (FCSL) being the arms length organisation established, originally in 2003, as a joint venture between Falkirk Council (FC) and Falkirk Football and Athletic Club (FFAC) and now a wholly owed subsidiary of the Council following the demerger exercise approved by Members in March 2009. It also explores the way forward for delivering the full potential of the Falkirk Community Stadium site, including the development opportunities adjacent to the existing stadium building.

2. BACKGROUND : 2003-2009

- 2.1 The Council initially agreed to lease an area of approximately 42 acres at Westfield Falkirk to enable the development of a new stadium. FCSL was set up in 2003 as a joint venture between FC and FFAC to construct and operate Falkirk Community Stadium in order to provide a new home for FFAC and to provide a range of community facilities. The stadium was constructed in phases; the west stand, including the football playing and support facilities being completed in 2004 and the north and south stands being delivered in 2005 and 2008 respectively. The potential east stand site remains undeveloped at this time. The Council and FFAC invested around £6m from the proceeds of the sale of land at Brockville and Hope Street, Falkirk. The Council also advanced loans of c£5.1m to FCSL.
- 2.2 The company operated in this joint venture capacity for some years, overseeing the construction programme described above; the occupation of commercial spaces within the west stand and the operation of a 5-a-side football offering within the curtilage of the stadium site. It also saw FFAC successfully relocate from its previous home at Brockville, in the heart of the town of Falkirk to its new location, creating a stadium that was Scottish Premier League compliant and enabling the club to play in the top league in Scotland following promotion in 2005.
- 2.3 In 2008 the FCSL board carried out a strategic review of its operations given the passage of five years since its inception. The outcome of this review was reported to Members at its meetings of the Full Council held on 22nd September, 2008, and 4th March, 2009. In essence, the company evaluated options for taking the company forward against three strategic criteria:-
- Delivering a completed stadium and site development
 - Repaying the loans from Falkirk Council, and
 - Ensuring financial sustainability of the ongoing operation

- 2.4 At that time, FCSL concluded that a reorganisation of the company in a commercially attractive and tax efficient manner provided the most effective way to deliver the strategic objectives. This was to be delivered by means of a demerger exercise, effectively splitting FCSL into two parts; one part to be wholly owned by the Council (the current FCSL) and the other to be wholly owned by FFAC. The split reflected the best fit with the respective organisational objectives, FFAC being football focussed and the Council having wider community facing interests.

This resulted in the Council taking responsibility for all the existing commercial activities (including all non-football tenancies in the West Stand) and for the development of the entire site excluding stands. FFAC took responsibility for all the football related areas including the West and North Stands (excluding non-football activities in the West Stand), pitch, floodlights and for the development of the South and East Stands. This split allowed both shareholders to concentrate on their own core activities. The table below summarises this.

Revised and Refocused FCSL	FFAC
West Stand Conference centre Five-a-Side football Third party leases Development plots Catering	Leases: West Stand footballing areas Ground lease – pitch, north stand, south stand, east stand plot
Responsibilities	Responsibilities
Management of conference centre Five-a-side football Management of third party leases Management of communal areas Service charge development and collection West stand maintenance and development Development agreement for corner pods and associated developments Café Westfield	Development of football related assets in West Stand North Stand East Stand development South Stand development Pitch Maintenance Share external maintenance of West Stand

This proposal was considered and agreed by Members at the 2009 meeting referred to earlier. The Council retained its overall ground lease over all areas of the site covering the areas leased to FCSL and FFAC.

- 2.5 Now FFAC lease the accommodation they occupy within the west stand, including the spectator seats, with maintenance and operational liability being borne by the club as was agreed by Members in 2009. The distribution of the assets and future tenure settled at that time is represented pictorially on the plan(s) annexed hereto.
- 2.6 At the time of the demerger exercise, specialist expert advice was taken by the Council on the relative value of the assets to be distributed to the then joint venture partners. Notwithstanding that, between first considering the demerger proposal in 2008 and finally agreeing to its terms, asset valuations were particularly volatile and uncertain due to the prevailing market conditions, nonetheless, given the Council's strategic interest in the site and following valuation advice obtained from the District Valuer, the view taken was that the demerger distribution proposal still represented the best value option for the Council. Members also carefully considered the issues of delivery of the masterplan for the wider site development while acknowledging the revenue and legal implications of the changes.

- 2.7 The approved restructuring proposals were thereafter implemented.

3. BACKGROUND : 2009 TO DATE

- 3.1 At the time Members approved the demerger plan, discussions were ongoing with Henry Boot Developments Ltd., in relation to the potential development of the plots transferred to the new FCSL. The Council was also working with development partner MacDonald Estates with a view to taking forward the strategic development opportunity at Falkirk Gateway site, along with co-landowner Callendar Estates. Due to the continuing challenging property environment, neither of these developments have progressed as had been envisaged but the Council's respective interest in these sites remains significant when property markets recover.
- 3.2 As has been separately reported to Members, the Council's Tax Increment Funding Initiative (TIF) has significant potential to assist in supporting development of these key gateway locations. Further market interest still exists with enquiries from time to time all of which are pursued. Whilst development interest in the site remains constrained due to prevailing property market and wider economic conditions, this location is considered likely to prove attractive to developers and end users on market recovery, more particularly given the proposed investment in enabling infrastructure via TIF.
- 3.3 In addition, shortly after the March 2009 demerger decision, Members agreed to the various terms of the partnership agreement with (the then) British Waterways Scotland (now Scottish Canals) to deliver the £43m Helix project, which has the Community Stadium at its heart. The significant level of national and international interest that the project continues to attract can only raise the profile of the adjacent development sites and interest from the market.
- 3.4 In 2009, as has previously been stated, the demerger proposals were effected in, at that time, the most tax efficient manner. The main reason for FCSL continuing was the tax liability that would need to be paid had FCSL been wound up. The FCSL Board and Council Officers have now identified a potential alternative delivery model which is fully explained at section 4 below.
- 3.5 This now presents an opportunity, should this prove to be the best way to proceed, for the Council to take over the assets currently vested in FCSL.
- 3.6 Another relevant change since 2009 has been the establishment of Falkirk Community Trust (FCT).

The Trust was established to optimise the operation of the culture and leisure assets in the Council's ownership. As a charitable company it can be structured in a way that secures savings that would not otherwise be available to the Council. In particular it can receive donations or "gifts".

The Trust's annual Business Plan sets out the Trust's objectives for the coming year. These include continuing the development of culture and sport in the area and making a positive contribution to the wider tourism offer. The Council continues to be the main funder of the Trust and has 5 Directors on its board. The Council and Trust discuss and agree the strategic priorities for the coming year. These are largely derived from continuing to offer a wider range of culture, libraries and sports facilities across the Council area augmented by a diverse programme of activity that supports the delivery of the Strategic community plan and the Council's own priorities. FCT has identified a desire to improve and develop the customer experience in its venues and to ensure that the services it offers are accessible to all and reflect the needs and wishes of the local community within the resources available. Council will recall that the responsibility for the on-going management and maintenance of the Helix project has been transferred to FCT. The Stadium sits at the heart of the Helix and integrating it fully within the wider operation may improve efficiency and contribute more strongly to the wider community offering.

- 3.7 Since the de-merger, the Board of the new FCSL has been reviewing the operations and longer term management arrangements of the company. Part of this review has been to consider the most appropriate future governance arrangements, since the demerger decision, given the passage of time and the changes of circumstances described above.

4. THE PROPOSAL

- 4.1 In considering the proposal, it is important to examine some of the key drivers involved. Firstly, the current structure of FCSL is unsatisfactory for a number of reasons. The share capital of FCSL, whilst being appropriate for a joint venture, is no longer appropriate for a company which is ultimately wholly owned by the Council (through its shareholding in Falkirk Community Stadium (Holdings) Ltd (a company established for the sole purpose of effecting the 2009 re-organisation). There is no point in the Council having a preference in circumstances in which it is the sole shareholder. Secondly, FCSL has accrued debt to the Council which it is unlikely to be able to repay. It is appropriate to eliminate this debt and allow the company to be wound up. Thirdly, were the development sites to be sold by FCSL there would be a capital gain on which FCSL would be required to pay corporation tax. If the development properties were sold directly by the Council there would not be any corporation tax to pay. In general, FCSL has served its purpose, is now wholly owned by the Council and it is considered preferable if FCSL's assets were now divided between FCT and the Council and FCSL was wound up.

- 4.2 The proposal is, in as tax efficient a manner as possible, to allow:-

- the removal of the debt owed by FCSL to the Council;
- FCSL to dispose of its assets (the saleable assets being transferred to the Council so it could then sell them in the future); and
- the subsequent winding-up of FCSL.

The steps required to achieve these objectives would be to simplify the share capital of FCSL, to capitalise the existing debt due by FCSL to the Council by issuing the Council with new shares in satisfaction of the debt due to it, to transfer the assets of FCSL to the Council and FCT and wind up FCSL.

- 4.3 As noted, one of key objectives to the proposed reorganisation is to return FCSL's development sites to the Council so that those assets can be sold without a corporation tax charge being suffered by FCSL. A simple transfer by FCSL of the assets to the Council gives rise to a capital gain and hence corporation tax in the hands of FCSL. The proposed approach, therefore, is to shelter the gains made on the transfers by (a) using accumulated losses in FCSL of approximately £600,000; and (b) creating further tax capacity by “gifting” some of FCSL's assets to FCT using the terms of section 203 of the Corporation Taxes Act 2010 which gives relief on the transfer of a qualifying interest in land to a charity. In terms of the leased property, the “gift” would be the transfer of the tenant’s interest under the lease – not transfer of outright ownership of the property. Following the gift, FCSL would then be in a position to be wound up with its remaining assets being returned by the liquidator to the Council without any tax charge being suffered by FCSL. In order to achieve the tax sheltering effect necessary to allow the return of the development sites to the Council it is proposed to transfer to FCT all of FCSL's property other than the development sites.
- 4.4 There are a number of considerations in relation to the involvement of FCT.
- 4.5 FCT must be prepared to accept the gift of the assets being transferred to it. The treatment of any related liabilities will require to be agreed. The existing staff of FCSL would transfer to FCT and The Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations 2006 would apply to that transfer. While it is noted that FCT is broadly comfortable with the proposal, it will require to obtain its own advice in relation to the proposal and the transfer. While some or all of the assets may be capable of being held for direct charitable purposes it might be better for FCT to hold those assets which are simply commercial leases in its trading subsidiary. Provided the assets are being applied only for its principal purposes it appears that the Articles of FCT are wide enough to permit the acceptance of the transfer and, if thought fit, the onward transfer of relevant assets to the trading company. Again, however, that would require to be clarified by FCT with its own advisers.
- 4.6 FCT is the tenant of a number of properties on leases from the Council. Standard forms of lease and licence have been agreed (differing having regard to the nature of the property let) and are acceptable to OSCR, particularly with regard to the repair and maintenance provisions. The Ground Lease interest in the stadium properties other than the development sites, which is the asset that would be gifted to FCT, is not a lease in the standard form adjusted between the Council and FCT. It would need to be determined which lease form ought to apply and, following the transfer, re-organise the terms of the lease documentation to create forms normal for the Council's relationship with FCT. Once transferred, the tenant's interest in the leases would become charitable property, to be applied by FCT for its charitable purposes. For the avoidance of doubt, were the lease with FCT to be brought to an end, the property would no longer require to be used for charitable purposes.
- 4.7 To the extent that moveable property is transferred from FCSL to FCT, it would be proposed to replicate the arrangements between the Council and FCT in respect of moveable property. That arrangement is that FCT, in terms of the Funding Agreement between FCT and the Council, is treated as owing to the Council a sum equal to the agreed value of assets transferred to it. On the expiry of the Funding Agreement, FCT may return the moveable assets to the Council in satisfaction of the debt.

- 4.8 The Council provides funding to FCT on an annual basis based on a Business Plan. The extent to which the Business Plan would require to be adjusted as a consequence of assuming the assets and liabilities of FCSL would need to be assessed and accounted for.
- 4.9 The staff of FCT are admitted to the Falkirk Council Pension Fund. It would be intended that staff transferring from FCSL to FCT would be treated in the same way as other staff of FCT. Arrangements would need to be made for their admission into the pension scheme.
- 4.10 It is clear from the above that there would need to be an adjustment effected of the Council's arrangements with FCT to take account of the transfer of the operations of FCSL to FCT.
- 4.11 It is not considered that OSCR consent to the transfer would be required as FCSL is not a charity. Unless FCT concludes otherwise, it is not thought necessary to consult OSCR on the proposals.

5. IMPLICATIONS AND NEXT STEPS

- 5.1 It would appear that the proposal has some merit. FCSL currently sits apart from the Council both legally and operationally whilst ownership sits entirely with the Council. FCT is already established and the nature of the work it would effectively undertake in relation to the west stand operations is in line with the work it already undertakes on behalf of the Council. Members will recall that, in June 2012, it was agreed that the governance body for delivering the Helix project be dissolved and new governance arrangements be established with FCT at its heart. This was based on the same principles outlined here.
- 5.2 The Council, in turn, is best placed to directly drive forward the opportunities offered by the development sites particularly given the increasing profile of the stadium site and the platform for future investment that will be offered by the Council's TIF initiative.
- 5.3 Further detailed examination is required of certain areas, particularly around the amendment of the service specification for FCT, its funding agreement, the FCSL staff transfer and development of the legal documentation required to liquidate the company and effect the new arrangements. As a preliminary, the FCT board has already been asked to consider, in principle, if the Trust might be prepared to consider the proposed new governance arrangement. Without this in place, there would have been little scope for putting the proposals to Members with a view to seeking similar in principle consent from the Council. The Trust has confirmed that it is content to further explore the proposals.

6. IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Legal
As will be noted above, if the proposals are progressed, there is a significant amount of legal work involved in the arrangements for winding up FCSL, effecting the transfer of assets and making appropriate adjustments to the existing arrangements with FCT.
- 6.2 Financial
FCSL derives rent and service charge income from its tenants as well as five-a-side football and conference and catering activities.

The following table provides a summary of the financial results in the years 2009/10 to 2012/13, together with a forecast for 2013/14.

	2009/10 Actual £'000	2010/11 Actual £'000	2011/12 Actual £'000	2012/13 Actual £'000	2013/14 Forecast £'000
Income					
Rent	161	189	185	182	224*
Service Charge	206	237	231	226	210
Five-a-Side	98	104	79	72	64
Conferencing (net)	42	63	180	56	136
Other Income	4	21	13	15	18
	<hr/> 511	<hr/> 614	<hr/> 688	<hr/> 551	<hr/> 652
Expenditure					
Employer Costs	249	293	391	270	260
Other Expenditure	266	276	327	361	350
	<hr/> 515	<hr/> 569	<hr/> 718	<hr/> 631	<hr/> 610
Net Expenditure/(Income)	<hr/> 4	<hr/> (45)	<hr/> 30	<hr/> 80	<hr/> (42)

* includes one-off income of £36,000

The above figures show that despite a couple of difficult years the company is now back in surplus, prior to the impact of depreciation.

The Council does not make any direct financial contribution to FCSL. Moreover, as previously reported to Council, most recently in September 2008 FCSL owes the Council around £1m in respect of professional fees and pre-2009 payroll costs. It has always been anticipated that these debts would be met from the proceeds of further development of the site.

6.3 Personnel

In line with the formation of the Trust and the change in the governance arrangements with the Helix project there will be staff who would be transferring with TUPE rights from FCSL to FCT. As with any significant change this needs to be managed carefully. All appropriate consultation will be addressed within the project plan.

7. RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1 It is recommended that Members:

- (a) confirm their agreement in principle to the proposals contained in this report and in particular, Paragraph 4 of this report;**
- (b) subject to all necessary approvals and consents being agreed by the stakeholders involved, in particular FCT, authorise the Chief Executive or her nominee to take forward work required to implement these proposals; and**
- (c) instruct the Chief Executive to report back to a future meeting of the Full Council for final approval of the detailed proposal noting that, in the event that the work referred to at recommendation (b) above result in any significant changes being made to the proposals, such changes will be specifically drawn to the attention of Members.**

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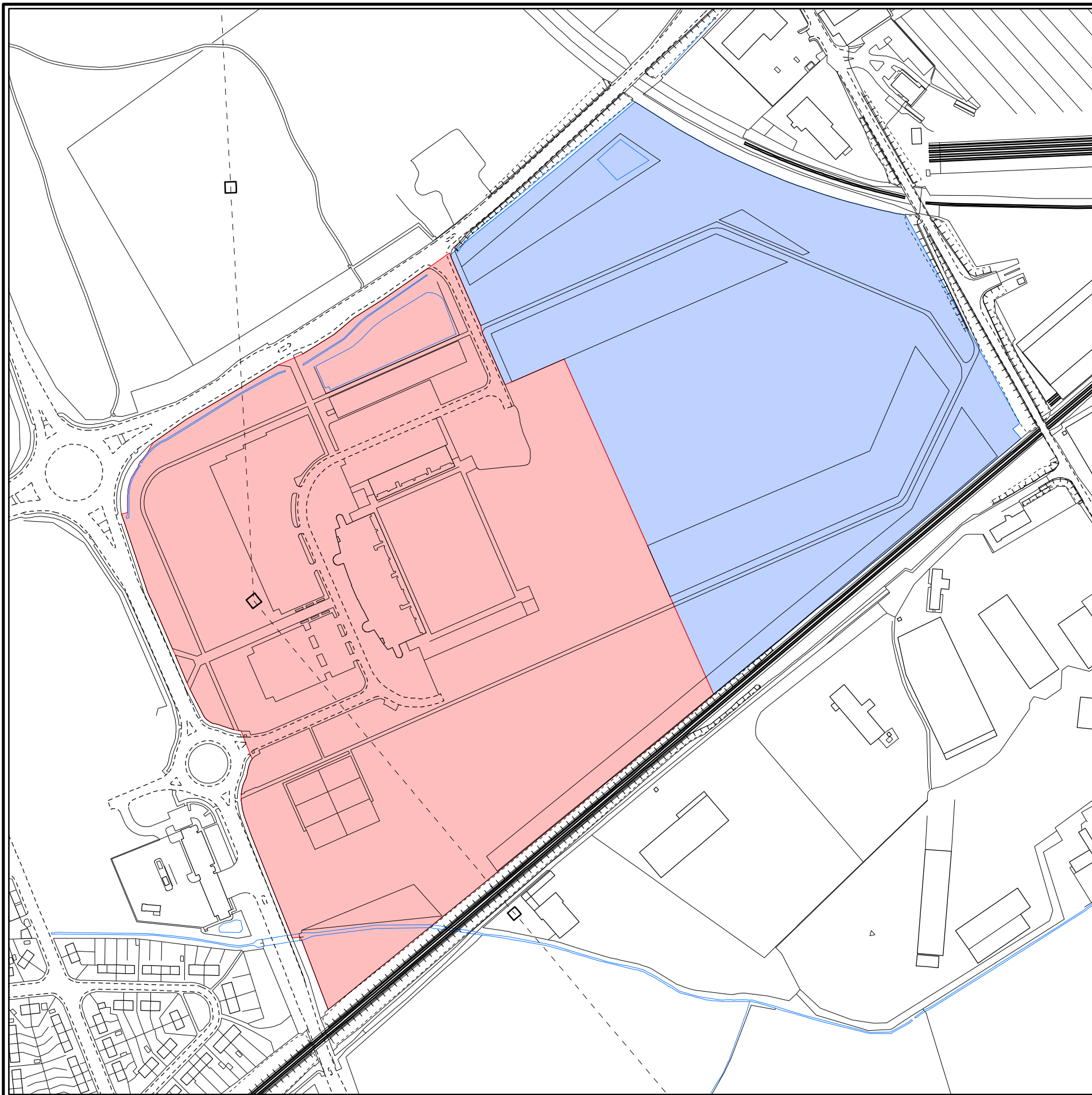
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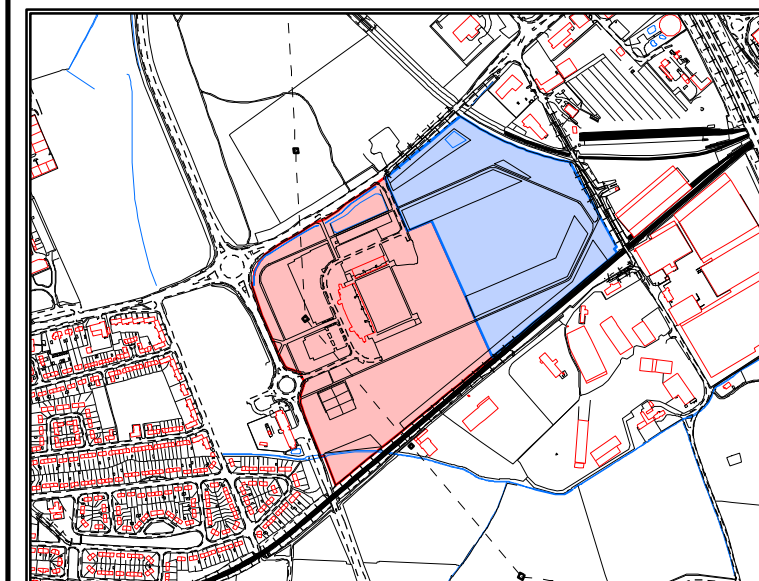
LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Project files*

* Items not for publication on the grounds they involve the disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 9 of Part 1 Schedule 7a of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973



Falkirk Council



LOCATION PLAN

scale: 1:15,000

Subject: Landlord's Property,
Falkirk Stadium Site,
Westfield, Falkirk.

Area: or thereby.

Scale: 1:3,500	Plan No: 2444	Date: 03/02/09
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Community Services

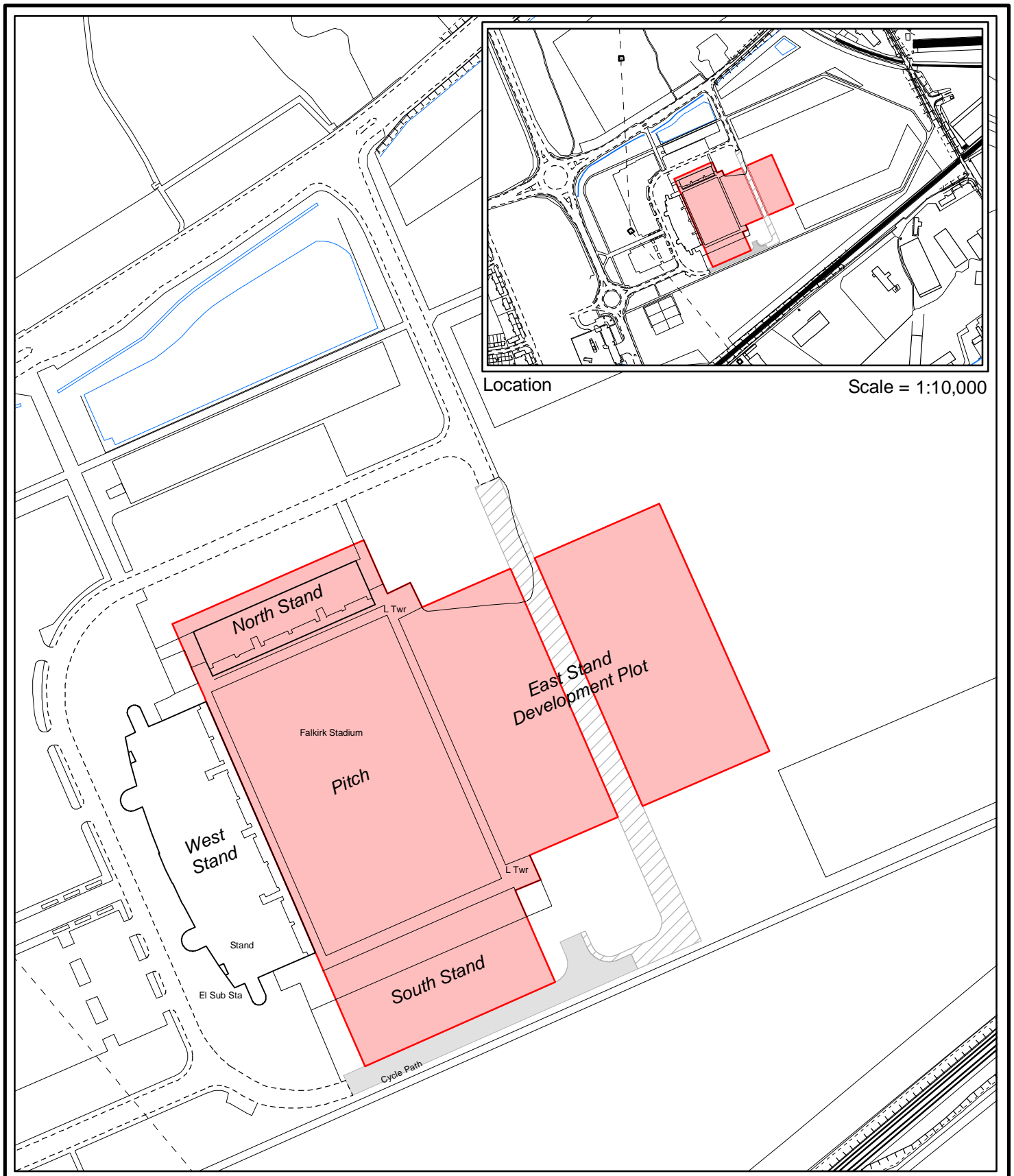
The Falkirk Stadium, Westfield, Falkirk FK2 9DX
Telephone: 01324 590900 Fax: 01324 590913

Existing Site.
 Development Site.

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APPENDIX 2



Falkirk Council

Community Services
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Scale: 1:2,000



Subject

Falkirk Stadium - Ground Lease to FFAC.

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FALKIRK COUNCIL

Subject: EXECUTION OF DEEDS
Meeting: FALKIRK COUNCIL
Date: 12 March 2014
Author: CHIEF GOVERNANCE OFFICER

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The Deeds shown in the Appendix to this Report have been signed and sealed on behalf of the Council by the Chief Governance Officer.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 That Council notes the signing and sealing by the Chief Governance Officer of the Deeds listed in the Appendix.

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Chief Governance Officer

Date: 18 February 2014
Contact Officer: Brian Pirie (Tel: 01324 506110)

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

Nil

ASSIGNATION of LEASE by

Midland Balbardie Engineering Limited with consent of
Anderson Property Investments in favour of Falkirk Council

Subjects at West Mains Industrial Estate, Grangemouth

ASSIGNATION & MINUTE OF VARIATION between

L A King, F Brown, C Rankin and Falkirk Council

13 North Street, Bo'ness, EH51 OAQ

COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER

General Vesting Declaration in favour of Falkirk Council

2.21 m2 of ground to the east side of Craigs Crescent,
Rumford

DEED of SERVITUDE by FALKIRK COUNCIL

J Johnston and U M Johnston

161 Davids Loan, Falkirk

DISCHARGE of CHARGING ORDER by FALKIRK COUNCIL

MA Fraser

12 Muirton, Aviemore

DISCHARGE of INHIBITION by FALKIRK COUNCIL in favour of

Mohammed Anwar

formerly 5 Callendar Road, Falkirk

DISPOSITION by FALKIRK COUNCIL in favour of

M R Stewart & J J Stewart nee Bainbridge

74 Braes View, Denny

L Thomson

24 Lomond Drive, Falkirk

Loretto Housing Association Limited

Areas of ground at Glenburn Road, Hallglen, Falkirk

Malcolm Allan Limited

1 Central Boulevard, Central Business Park, Larbert

S D A Hastings

3 Lamond View, Stenhousemuir

C Main

36 Don Street, Grangemouth

E Vause

17 Windsor Avenue, Falkirk

A S Clover

60 Bruce Drive, Stenhousemuir

D McPherson

96 Woodburn Crescent, Bonnybridge

J McGuire

40 Viewfield Road, Banknock

F O'Hara and G I O'Hara

76 Thornton Avenue, Bonnybridge

G McMillan and L McMillan

1 Cairneymount Avenue, Maddiston

A Braidwood

0.0096ha lying adjacent to Castle Drive, Bankside
Industrial Estate, Falkirk

C McGuire

43 Don Street, Grangemouth

LA Allan

42 Livingstone Drive, Bo'ness

SI Naeem & M Naeem

12 Ferguson Drive, Denny

Christina McKay & Mark McKay

6 Westfield Street, Falkirk

J McGregor

6 Park Avenue, Laurieston

KA Ipek

24 Ochil Street, Grangemouth

AW McCulloch and MA McCulloch

1 Park Crescent, Westquarter, Falkirk

T Ryan and M D Ryan

44 Barnego Road, Dunipace, Denny

J Wilson

11 Kemper Avenue, Falkirk

Link Group Limited

0.936 hectares at Auchincloch Drive, Banknock

J Marr and P Marr

12 Braes View, Denny

F M Craig
 Unique Developments (Scotland) Limited
 T A Bannan & W Bannan
 H Veitch
 G E Hannah
 D Hunter & T Hunter
 LA Campbell
 M J Johnstone & G W Johnstone
 J Torrance
 D G Miller & J Miller
 Rustic Eco Properties Limited
 C S Smith and J M Smith

29 Broomage Crescent, Larbert
 0.232 ha of ground at Wood Street, Grangemouth
 11 Carrick Place, Falkirk
 3 Livingstone Drive, Bo'ness
 33 Braeview, Stenhousemuir
 14 Wilson Avenue, Denny
 43 Northfield Road, Dunipace, Denny
 37 Broomage Crescent, Larbert
 51 La Porte Precinct, Grangemouth
 7 Ward Avenue, Redding
 8 Bonnyfield Road, Bonnybridge
 27 Lochhead Avenue, Denny

GENERAL VESTING DECLARATION

Compulsor Purchase Order
 Compulsor Purchase Order
 Compulsor Purchase Order

Denny Town Centre Regeneration
 124 Pennelton Place, Bo'ness
 2.21m2 of ground to the east side of Craigs Crescent,
 Rumford

LEASE between FALKIRK COUNCIL and

Candle Shack Limited
 Gordon Sutherland & Eileen Sutherland

3D West Mains Industrial Estate, Grangemouth
 266sqm Weedingshall Lodge, Polmont Road, Polmont

MINUTE of AGREEMENT between FALKIRK COUNCIL and

National Playing Fields

Sunnyside Playing Field, Falkirk; Gairdoch Park
 Carronshore; Duncan Stewart Park, Bonnybridge;
 Douglas Park, Bo'ness; Avonbridge Public Park,
 Avonbridge; Herbertshire Castle Park, Denny

Wan Cheung Chu

42 Main Street, Larbert

MINUTE OF VARIATION between FALKIRK COUNCIL and

J Ritchie, t/a Pro Grip

12 Central Park Avenue, Larbert

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION re APPLICATION FOR MODIFICATION OF PLANNING OBLIGATION

M Stewart

Birchfield, Hills of Dunipace, Larbert, FK5 4RY

SECTION 75 PLANNING OBLIGATION between FALKIRK COUNCIL and

Taylor Wimpey Developments Limited

Subjects to the west of Redding House, Overton
 Crescent, Redding

R Agnew

Subjects to the west of Taymouth Road, Polmont and to
 the east of 44 Rodel Drive, Polmont

AG Gilfillan or Kirk, R Kirk, J Kirk and the Trustees of AG
 Gilfillan or Kirk and AG Gilfillan or Kirk, R Kirk, J Kirk and
 the Trustees of AG Gilfillan or Kirk partners and trustees of
 the firm of Messrs Robert Pow

Subjects lying to the south of 24 Muirend Court, Drum
 Road, Bo'ness

SUB-LEASE between FALKIRK COUNCIL and
Evans Easyspace Limited

Earls Road Grangemouth