**FALKIRK COMMUNITY CHOICES**

**Advisory Panel – Ward Community Representative**

**Application form 2021**

Thank you for expressing an interest in becoming a member of Falkirk Council’s ***Community Choices*** Advisory Panel.

***Working alongside our colleagues in Falkirk Health and Social Care Partnership, Community Choices*** is Falkirk Council’s version of participatory budgeting, an initiative that gives local people a direct say in how a portion of our budget is spent. ***Community Choices*** will give people in the Falkirk area an opportunity to decide how a set amount of our budget is spent, based on the priorities of their own community.

Members of the Advisory Panel will play a key role in ***Community Choices***. They will assess the initial expressions of interest and will provide support for proposals to go forward to the public vote.

To ensure that everyone can participate actively, Council officials will help guide the Panel through the process and will provide the support needed to help consider the initial expressions of interest.

The role of Advisory Panel members will include:

* evaluating the initial expressions of interest to ensure they fit the criteria;
* considering the potential community benefits of each proposal;
* working with other Panel members to assess proposals against the themes of **Fairer**, **Healthier**, more **Connected** and more **Inclusive** communities;
* identifying other sources of support that may help to improve initial proposals;
* evaluating Community Choices to support improvements for future years;
* working with Council officials to ensure the successful operation of Community Choices.

Still Interested? Please complete the form below and email it to Stuart Irwin, the Community Choices Development Officer, at community.choices@falkirk.gov.uk.

**SECTION 1: Personal Details**

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| Name  |  |
| Address (including postcode) |  |
| Telephone number |  |
| Email address |  |

**In which electoral ward do you live?**

*\*If you’re unsure about which ward you live in, click* [*here*](https://www.falkirk.gov.uk/maps-local/) *to enter your postcode.*

□ Ward 1 – Bo’ness and Blackness

□ Ward 3 – Denny and Banknock

□ Ward 4 – Carse, Kinnaird and Tryst

□ Ward 5 – Bonnybridge and Larbert

□ Ward 6 – Falkirk North

□ Ward 7 – Falkirk South

□ Ward 8 – Lower Braes

□ Ward 9 – Upper Braes

**SECTION 2: Skills and experience**

**In 400 words or less, please tell us why you would make a good member of the Advisory Panel? *(for example, experience of financial management, teamworking, project management, an understanding of your community’s needs etc.)***

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***Thank you for your interest in joining the Community Choices Advisory Panel.***