



CommunityCHOICES Advisory Panel

Are you passionate about delivering real change in local communities? Do you enjoy working with others?

If so, why not apply to join our **Community Choices** Advisory Panel?

Community Choices is Falkirk Council's version of participatory budgeting, an initiative that gives local people a direct say in how a portion of the Council's budget is spent.



Falkirk Council is working alongside our partners in the Falkirk Health and Social Care Partnership to launch **Community Choices**. This exciting new initiative will give our citizens an opportunity to say what is important to them. They will decide on how a set amount of the Council's budget is spent, based on the priorities in local communities.

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

To ensure that everyone can participate fully, Council officials will help guide the Panel through the process and provide any resources the Panel needs to help consider the initial expressions of interest.

The role of Advisory Panel members will include:

- evaluating initial expressions of interest;
- considering the potential community benefits of each proposal;
- working with other Panel members to assess proposals against the themes of Fairer, Healthier, more Connected & more Inclusive communities;
- identifying other sources of support that may help to improve initial proposals;
- evaluating **Community Choices** so that it continues to improve;
- working with Council officials to ensure the successful delivery of **Community Choices**.

The skills, knowledge and experience of Panel members will be invaluable, and it will be their role to consider all the proposals objectively and impartially.

Being a member of the Advisory Panel will offer the opportunity to be involved in an exciting and innovative project which will bring lasting benefits to local communities.

We can't offer payment for your participation, but we can cover any relevant expenses you might incur when you take part (e.g. travel expenses, etc.)

We hope that you might be interested in applying to become a Panel member. We want to ensure that the opportunity to join this Panel is open to as wide a group of people as possible. Applications to join the Panel will be assessed against a set list of criteria.



If you'd like to know more contact community.choices@falkirk.gov.uk or Tel: 07483918555

Further information and an application form can be found here: www.falkirk.gov.uk/communitychoices