Get yourself connected
Internationally recognised for innovation and excellence in manufacturing, logistics and chemical sciences, the Falkirk area is superbly placed in central Scotland to offer every advantage for growth and success.

Falkirk, with its central location between Glasgow and Edinburgh, is at the heart of Scotland’s communication networks. The Falkirk area boasts unrivalled motorway, rail and sea connections, including the UK’s largest feeder port at Grangemouth. Excellent transport links have also been crucial for major companies operating road, rail, distribution and bonded warehousing services out of the area.

Boosting Falkirk’s connections has been at the forefront of a drive for growth and investment led by an innovative Tax Incremental Finance (TIF) scheme, which has enabled the Council to invest in a £67 million infrastructure plan to improve transport and connectivity links to established industrial areas and unlock a further 400,000 square metres of prime business space and up to £500 million private sector investment.

The area’s strategic location supports key industries including oil and gas, energy, manufacturing and the food and drinks industry. It is the key hub for petrochemicals, home to Scotland’s only major oil refinery and the base for its chemical sciences industry – Scotland’s second largest export sector generating over £3 billion annually.

Nearly 5% of Scotland’s £134 billion import and export total passes through the port of Grangemouth, with £6.2 billion of some of Scotland’s most important commodities, including whisky, being taken to the port to be exported across the world.

Also home to the UK’s market leading bus and coach builder, Falkirk’s centre of excellence in manufacturing and innovation is supported by award-winning further education and industry training – developing the mechanical, chemical and electronic engineers of the future.

Skills and training delivered in inspiring and modern learning environments continues to be a priority for the area, as a new £70 million Falkirk Campus begins construction for Forth Valley College, while Falkirk Council has completed a multi-million pound project to enhance the schools estate.

The area’s projection for continued population growth is testimony to its quality of life and the success of its place-making agenda. Falkirk’s population is growing faster than the rest of the country and over 60% of Scotland’s citizens live within a 60-minute journey.

Its rich land resources, the abilities and talent of its people and strengths in manufacturing, chemicals and logistics are all key to Falkirk’s success.

The award-winning 30m (100ft) Kelpies statues have enhanced the area’s own landscape, national and international image, attracting more than two million visitors since their opening over two years ago.

Falkirk’s central location also means it is a great base to experience Scotland’s beautiful Highland scenery and some of the world’s most famous golf courses. Falkirk has a vibrant, powerful economy where business and communities thrive. Falkirk is the place to do business.

Known as Scotland’s gateway to the world, Falkirk is a well-connected economic powerhouse where business and communities thrive