

CLACKMANNANSHIRE COUNCIL

Date of Meeting: 15th May, 2014

Subject: Leader's Briefing

1.0 Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this briefing is to inform all elected members of a range of issues and activities which I have been engaged with in the past quarter. It is also intended to assist in raising awareness amongst members of a number of matters which affect the Council or the area and, as such, inform future workstreams.
- 1.2 Should any member of the Council wish to discuss any of the issues in this report in more detail, I will be happy to meet with them.
- 1.3 The report covers the period March, 2014 to May, 2014.

2.0 National Issues Affecting Clackmannanshire

CoSLA

- 2.1 I attended the CoSLA Convention on 28th March. Items discussed were:
- Free School Meals
 - Early Learning and Childcare for Two Year Old Children
 - DWP - Proposed Establishment of a Single Fraud Investigation Service
 - Delayed Discharge
 - Commissioning on Strengthening Local Democracy
 - Council of Europe Report on Local Democracy in Scotland
 - Broadband Superfast Extension Programme
 - Procurement Reform (Scotland) Bill
 - DECC Consultation: The Future of the Energy Company Obligation
- 2.2 I did not attend the CoSLA Leaders' Meeting on 25th April, but a member of the Administration attended as my substitute. Items discussed were:
- Child Poverty Strategy
 - EU Scottish Funds 2014-2020
 - Distribution Issues
 - Police Presentation
 - Commission on Strengthening Local Democracy
 - Carers' Legislation
 - Community Justice Redesign Consultation
 - Trading Standards Scotland - Future Governance and Delivery Options
 - Business Rates Incentivisation Scheme
 - DWP - Single Fraud Investigation Service
 - Local Government Settlement 2015/16 - Distribution
- 2.3 Associated papers for the meeting have been placed on the members' portal for members to access.

3.0 Partnership Working

3.1 The **Clackmannanshire Alliance** met on 7th March. Items discussed were:

- Draft Clackmannanshire Policing Plan 2014/17
- Draft Clackmannanshire Fire Plan 2014/17
- Draft Community Wellbeing Partnership Team Delivery Plan 2014/15
- Draft Business, Jobs and Skills Action Plan 2014/15
- Making Clackmannanshire Better Update
- Clackmannanshire Third Sector Report
- Joint Resourcing - Next Steps
- Partnership Team Matters
- SOA 2014 Refine
- Proposals to Streamline Structures with Stirling CPP

3.2 The **Shared Services Steering Group** was held on 18th March. Items discussed were:

- Operational and Governance Arrangements
- Health and Care Integration

This was an extended group which included the Convenors and Shadow Convenors of Social Services and Education.

3.3 I attended the following **NHS FV meetings/events**:

- 11th March - Clackmannanshire and Stirling Partnership Board Meeting
- 18th March - Clackmannanshire Health Partnership Meeting (Chaired)
- 3rd April - Board Time-out Session
- 22nd April - Board Meeting

3.4 Associated papers for these meetings have been placed on the members' portal for members to access.

4.0 Staff and Other Visits

4.1 I attended the following meetings/events:

- 6th March - Presentation of Awards at the annual Clackmannanshire Awards Ceremony
- 21st March - Meeting with Council Leaders from neighbouring authorities
- 26th March - Ministerial Visit to Housing Options Shop
- 8th April - OI Official Opening and Tour of facilities - I was delighted to be able to attend this event, with Cllrs Balsillie and Forson and see first-hand the commitment OI have made in its Alloa Plant, with assistance from Scottish Enterprise / Government.
- 10th April - Meeting with External Auditors
- 3rd May - Alloa Fire Station Open Day

4.2 I would be happy to provide additional information on any of the above events.

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Leader of the Council
May, 2014