

**CLACKMANNANSHIRE COUNCIL**

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**Date of Meeting: 23rd October, 2014**

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**Subject: Leader's Briefing**

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**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 August to October, 2014.

**2.0 National Issues Affecting Clackmannanshire**

CoSLA

- 2.1 I attended the CoSLA Leaders' Meeting on 29th August, 2014. I did not attend the CoSLA Leaders' Meeting on 26th September, but the Depute Leader attended as my substitute. Items discussed at the meetings were:

**29th August**

- Kinship Care Allowances
- Health and Social Care Integration
- Local Government Settlement 15/16 and feedback from August bi-monthly meeting with Scottish Government
- Successor Arrangements to the National Care Home Contract
- Business Rates Incentivisation Scheme
- Distribution Issues
- Commission on Strengthening Local Democracy
- Evidence to Scottish Parliament on the Welfare Fund (Scotland) Bill
- Human Trafficking
- European Funding Programme 2014/20 Update

**26th September**

- Land Engineering - Grounds Maintenance Proposals
- Local Government Settlement 15/16
- Charging for Non-residential Social Care Services
- Commission for Developing Scotland's Young Workforce
- Pensions
- Mental Health (Scotland) Bill
- Distribution Issues
- Use of Armed Policing in Scotland

- Gender Balance Task Group Update

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

### **3.0 Partnership Working**

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

- 19th August - NHS Board Meeting
- 9th September - Clackmannanshire/Stirling Partnership Board

3.2 The **Clackmannanshire Alliance** met on 5th September, 2014, and items discussed were:

- Presentation on the 2014 Findings of the Clacks 1000 Survey by Hexagon Research
- Presentation on Reshaping Care for Older People Partnership
- Care Inspectorate Action Plan: Services for Children and Young People in Clackmannanshire
- Adult Support and Protection Arrangements
- Alliance Governance
- Joint Resourcing
- Clackmannanshire Third Sector Report
- Community Empowerment and Renewal Bill
- Partnership Team Matters

3.3 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 events:

- 4th September - Clackmannanshire Business Awards Welcome
- 30th September - Official Opening of Redwell Primary School
- 18th October - Opening of Speirs Centre

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

Signed: G Womersley

**Councillor Gary Womersley**  
**Leader of the Council**  
**October, 2014**