

## **CLACKMANNANSHIRE COUNCIL**

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**Date of Meeting: 22 October, 2015**

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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 June - September, 2015.

### **2.0 National Issues Affecting Clackmannanshire**

#### CoSLA

- 2.1 I attended the following CoSLA Meetings:

#### **CoSLA Convention on 26 June. Items discussed:**

- Appointment of Education, Children and Young People Spokesperson
- Strengthening Local Democracy in Scotland
- CoSLA Evidence to the Commission on Local Tax Reform
- Child Poverty
- Trading Standards Scotland - Governance Arrangements
- CoSLA's Audited Financial Statements for the Year Ending 31/3/15
- Developing the Young Workforce
- Tackling Low Pay in Social Care
- Health and Social Care Partnerships
- CoSLA Review

#### **CoSLA Leaders' - 28 August. Items discussed:**

- Leaders Workplan:
  - a) Scottish Government Consumer and Competition Policy
  - b) Ofcom Digital Communications and Royal Mail Reviews
  - c) Planning Modernisation
- Thematic Update on Deepening Local Democracy
- Spending Review
- Procurement Reform (Scotland) 2014
- Scotland's Economic Strategy Political Oversight
- National Transport Strategy Refresh
- Planning Penalty Clause
- Distribution Issues
- Rurality Review
- Household Recycling Charter
- Local Government Pay and Conditions Update
- National Collective Bargaining

- Carers Legislation
- Kinship Care
- National Improvement Framework on Education
- Broadband Funding
- Roads Collaboration

### **CoSLA Leaders' - 25 September. Items discussed:**

- Presentation from Local Government Trade Unions on Spending Review and Trade Union Bill
- Leaders Workplan Refresh
- Leaders Workplan:
  - a) Trade Union Bill
  - b) The Refugee Crisis and Resettlement Programme
  - c) Scotland's Election (Dates) Bill
  - d) Islands Bill Consultation
- Partnership Working
- Spending Review
- Improving Wages in the Care at Home/Housing Support Sector
- Health and Social Care Integration - Improvement Support
- National Improvement Framework for Education
- Stick Your Labels Campaign
- Police Scrutiny
- Scottish Fire and Rescue Service
- Free Lunches in Early Learning and Childcare
- Distribution Issues
- Energy Efficiency Funding for Housing
- Devolution of Employability Programmes
- Trunk Road Collaboration Consultation
- Scottish Government Working Group on Consumer and Competition Policy

2.2 Associated papers for this meeting 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**:

- 4 August - Board Meeting
- 5 August - Transitional Board Service Visit
- 26 August - Integration Joint Board Chairs and Vice Chairs
- 28 August - Clackmannanshire and Stirling Integration Joint Board
- 28 August - Transitional Board Briefing Session - Integrated Care Plan
- 31 August - Transitional Board - Chief Finance Officer Interviews
- 8 September - Transitional Board Pre-agenda meeting
- 17 September - Clackmannanshire and Stirling Integration Joint Board
- 29 September - Board Meeting

3.2 I attended the following meetings regarding Shared Services:

- 5 August - Shared Services Business Case - Chief Executives and Council Leaders
- 25 August - Shared Services Extended Steering Group

3.3 On 4 September, I chaired a meeting of the **Clackmannanshire Alliance**. Items discussed were:

- Clacks 1000 - 2015/16 Survey Results
- Community Learning and Development Plan Clackmannanshire and Stirling
- Early Years Collaborative Update
- Realigning Children's Services Programme
- Alcohol and Drugs Partnership Delivery Plan 2015/18
- Governance Matters:
  - a) Alliance Transition: Memorandum of Understanding for Consultation
  - b) Community Justice
  - c) Health and Social Care Integration
  - d) MCB General
  - e) Review of Third Sector and Settlement Hubs
- Performance Reporting Matters:
  - a) Children and Young People Report
  - b) Clackmannanshire Third Sector Report
  - c) Business, Jobs and Skills Partnership Report
  - d) Community Well-being Report
  - e) Public Protection Forum
- Joint Resourcing Progress
- Scrutiny - Resources and Audit Sub-Committee of 7th October, 2015

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:

- 30 June - Fife and Forth Valley Community Justice Authority Board Meeting
- 1 July - Introductory Meeting - CI Andrew Sinclair, Police Scotland
- 3 July - Energy Photocall
- 10 July - Srebrenica Memorial Day/Commemoration
- 14 July - Visit to Class Cuisine
- 14 July - Alex Linkston, Shiona Strachan, Chris Alliston re Transitional Board
- 16 July - Clackmannanshire Tenants and Residents Federation AGM
- 28 July - Legacy Funding
- 14 August - Men's Shed - Glenochil
- 16 August - Play Alloa Open Day
- 28 August - PSYV Passing Out Parade
- 3 September - Fly the Red Ensign for Merchant Navy Day
- 3 September - Presented Awards at the Clackmannanshire Business Awards
- 7 September - Options Briefing - 21st Century Learning
- 8 September - Menstrie Primary School - Gold Award
- 15 September - Fife and Forth Valley Community Justice Authority Board Meeting
- 16 September - Renewables and Energy Efficiency Advisory Group
- 16 September - FIT for Purpose: Developing Solar PV Projects at Scale in Local Government - APSE Energy/APSE Scotland Workshop
- 16 September - Corporate Parent Event
- 17 September - Federation Liaison Meeting
- 21 September - Community Safety Partnership
- 22 September - Tullibody Community Stakeholders (Tron Court Improvements) CHECK
- 23 September - Action in Mind AGM
- 25 September - Ochil Community Garden Partnership Event

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

Signed: Councillor Les Sharp

**Councillor Les Sharp**  
**Leader of the Council**  
**October, 2015**