

CLACKMANNANSHIRE COUNCIL

Date of Meeting: 12 May, 2016

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 February, 2016 - April, 2016.

2.0 National Issues Affecting Clackmannanshire

CoSLA

- 2.1 I attended the following CoSLA Meetings:

CoSLA Leaders' on 26 February. Items discussed:

- Police Scotland - Presentation from new Chief Constable Phil Gormley
- Local Government Settlement
- Reforming Social Care
- Charging Guidance - Non-residential Social Care 2016/17
- Child Protection
- Political Engagement on Education
- Crown Estate
- Welfare Reform
- Regeneration Capital Grant Fund

CoSLA Convention on 11 March. Items discussed:

- Local Government Benchmarking Framework - Presentation from Colin Mair, CEO Improvement Service
- CoSLA Manifesto
- UK EU Referendum
- CoSLA Review
- Barriers to Women's Participation as Elected Members in Local Government

CoSLA Leaders' on 1 April. Items discussed:

- UNISON Campaign for Policy of No Compulsory Redundancies in Scottish Councils
- National Care Home Contract Negotiations
- WithScotland
- Spending Review 2017/18-2019/20
- Review of Planning
- Digital and Broadband Update
- Devolution of Employability Programmes

- Women's Prison Estate
- Distribution

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**:

- 18 March - Audit and Endowment Committee
- 18 March - Special Board Meeting - 2016/17 Financial Plan and IJB Budget Setting
- 18 March - Board Dinner
- 22 March - Clackmannanshire and Stirling Integration Joint Board
- 30 March - Clackmannanshire and Stirling Integration Joint Board
- 19 April - Board Seminar
- 27 April - Clackmannanshire and Stirling Integration Joint Board

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

- Health and Social Care Integration - Audit Scotland National Update on Local Progress towards integration of Health and Social Care Services (adults)
- Community Development/Third Sector Commissioning - Ready for Business Programme
- Alliance Strategic Assessment - Priorities identified for 2016/17
- Realigning Children's Services
- Performance Reports:
 - Public Protection Forum
 - Children and Young People Strategic Partnership
 - Clackmannanshire Third Sector Report
 - Community Well-being and Safety Partnership
 - Business Jobs and Skills Partnership
- Chief Medical Officer Annual Report 2014/15 - for noting

3.3 On 16 March, I attended a Board meeting of **Clackmannanshire Business**. Items discussed:

- Feedback on Meetings: Sub-group 'Going' Forward, Clacks Business Budget Consultation
- Council Budget
- Employer Services Event
- Business Survey
- Cyber Security/Broadband Event
- Business Loans Fund
- Developing Scotland's Young Workforce
- Clackmannanshire Business Apprentice Award
- Longannet
- Tourism
- Directors' Reports

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:

- 2 March - Appointments Committee - Chief Education Officer Interviews
- 2 March - Clackmannanshire and Stirling Environment Trust
- 8 March - Fife/Forth Valley Community Justice Authority Board Meeting
- 9 March - External Auditors - Quarterly Meeting
- 12 March - Third Annual Community Conference: Strengthening the Role of Communities
- 14 March - Fly the Flag for Commonwealth Civic Event
- 15 March - Scotland's Local Environmental Quality Conference
- 17 March - Clackmannanshire Tenants/Residents Federation Liaison Meeting
- 24 March - PA Advocacy Interview
- 23 April - One Year On: the Autism Strategy for Stirling and Clackmannanshire - Celebration Autism Awareness Month
- 29 April - APSE Building and Housing Meeting

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, 2016

