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Motion 1 to Clackmannanshire Council Meeting of Thursday 9th February 2017

That Council welcomes the recent figures from VisitScotland showing that, in 2015, the number of people employed in the tourist industry rose by 11% and that the sector made up 9% of the total jobs in Scotland, making it a key employer for many areas; notes that the figures show that employment in this sector decreased by 8 per cent in Clackmannanshire at the same time our neighbours in Stirling saw a 12 per cent increase, Falkirk saw an 8 per cent increase and Fife saw a 10 per cent increase; is concerned that in fact Clackmannanshire is the only local authority in Scotland where the number of people employed in the tourist industry fell; recognises that Clackmannanshire has much to offer visitors from home and abroad and that the City Deal offers an opportunity to maximise our tourism potential; and instructs the Chief Executive to engage, as a matter of urgency, with VisitScotland to address this issue.

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Councillor Ellen Forson Ward 4, Clackmannanshire South

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