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**THIS PAPER RELATES TO  
ITEM 13  
ON THE AGENDA**

**Motion for Clackmannanshire Council  
Meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2020**

This Council grieves those who have lost their lives during the Coronavirus Epidemic in Clackmannanshire. It finds particularly distressing the number of our vulnerable elderly citizens who have died in residential care and is resolved to learn from events in an atmosphere of transparency and frankness. This Council agrees to carry out an independent inquiry with the following terms of reference so that as far as possible the Council can ensure that such circumstances never prevail again and that future lives will be secured. The cost of the enquiry will be in the region of £25000 and it will be resourced from the non-ring fenced governmental monies made available to manage the Coronavirus crisis. Should this resource be insufficient, the Council's non committed reserves will act as the resource. The services of expertise will be sought through a process of procurement with an expected date of report to be May 2021.

The terms of reference for the inquiry are:

1. When information on the consequences of Coronavirus became apparent did the Council act with sufficient urgency with reference to its schools and the care sector.
2. Was the Council Emergency Plan adequate in dealing with the crisis and was the Council's plan sustainable for an incident which lasted a number of months.
3. Did the Council have sufficient staffing capacity and skill to manage the incident
4. Did the Council have sight of the emergency plans of the private care sector. Did the Council assess their adequacy. Did they cover the effect of the pandemic on the private sector's workforce. If the plans were found to be inadequate, what steps did the Council take.
5. What care services do the Council commission? Since the coronavirus epidemic has the Council taking contractual action against any care provider it commissions from?
6. What information did the Council receive in relation to the process for testing patients at discharge into care homes and was the Council aware of any patients being discharged into a care home in Clackmannanshire who were either displaying symptoms or who had a positive test.
7. At what point was PPE made available to Council employed care staff and was this PPE provided early enough and was it to a sufficient level. Did the Council provide PPE to any external organisation and if so, on what basis and at what point.
8. Did any Council employed care staff fail to use PPE in accordance with the risk assessments and if so what were the consequences of that failure.

9. Were Health and Safety risk assessments undertaken in all Council owned care Settings and were these assessments complied with by Council/ HSCP staff
10. Was there guidance offered by the Health and Social Care Partnership staff to private Care Services and was it complied with.
11. What arrangements were put in place by Clackmannanshire Council when “Test and protect” was introduced and were those arrangements implemented in practice.
12. Was information sharing between the Council and other reporting bodies such as NHS, effective and was information shared internally effectively and in accordance with the law.
13. What measures were in place to support Clackmannanshire staff during the pandemic and were those measures effective.
14. What other lessons need to be learned for the future
15. Was Clackmannanshire Council adequately prepared for a possible second wave of coronavirus

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