

**CLACKMANNANSHIRE COUNCIL**

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**Date of Meeting: 27th June, 2013**

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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 end of May - June, 2013.

**2.0 National Issues Affecting Clackmannanshire**

CoSLA

- 2.1 I attended the CoSLA Leaders' Meeting on 31st May. Items discussed were:
- National Dementia Strategy
  - National Learning Disabilities Strategy
  - Care Home Sector Reform: Commissioning Agenda
  - Water Billing and Collection Arrangements
  - Local Government Funding Pressures
  - Business Rates Incentivisation Scheme
  - Commission on Rural Education
  - Welfare Reform Update
  - Scottish Welfare Fund
  - National Planning Framework 3 and Scottish Planning Policy
- 2.2 Associated papers for the meeting have been placed on the members' portal for members to access.

**3.0 Partnership Working**

- 3.1 The **Shared Services Steering Group** met in Stirling on 21st May, 2013. Items for discussion were:
- Strategic Partnership Agreement
  - Feedback from Governance Review

- 3.2 The Council's Chief Executive and I had a follow-up meeting with the Chief Executive and Chair of NHS Forth Valley on 27th May to discuss potential changes to the **bus services** which NHS FV currently support between Clackmannanshire and the hospital in Larbert. A written briefing was circulated to all members updating them on the outcome of the meeting. As Members will notice from the following three paragraphs, I have been keen to highlight the issue at every relevant forum I have attended and Members will continue to be updated.
- 3.3 On 7 June, I chaired a meeting of the **Clackmannanshire Alliance**. Items discussed were:
- Making Clackmannanshire Better:
  - Draft Single Outcome Agreement 2013/23 - Feedback and Assurance Process
  - Clackmannanshire Alliance Memorandum of Understanding
  - Clackmannanshire Third Sector Interface Progress Report
  - Armed Forces Covenant Update
  - Early Years Collaborative
  - Early Years Change Fund
  - Hospital Buses
- 3.4 On 11th June, I attended, and chaired, the **Clackmannanshire Community Health Partnership Sub-Committee** and items discussed were:
- Single Outcome Agreement
  - Health and Social Care Integration Update
  - Self Directed Support
  - Re-shaping Care for Older People: Draft Joint Commissioning Plan
  - Hospital Buses
- 3.5 On 11th June, I also attended the **Clackmannanshire & Stirling Partnership Board** when items discussed were:
- Health & Social Care Integration
  - Early Years Collaborative
  - Welfare Reform
  - Clackmannanshire & Stirling Partnership Board Annual Report
  - Hospital Buses
- 3.6 Associated papers for the meetings have been placed on the members' portal for members to access.

#### **4.0 Staff and Other Visits**

- 4.1 On 21 May, I attended a NHS FV Board Hearing on the topics of Armed Services, Veterans and Reservists and Rehabilitation and the 20:20 Seminar.
- 4.2 On 28th May, I attended and spoke at Sauchie Pensioners Meeting on topic of various challenges facing the Council and future opportunities.
- 4.3 On 6th June, I spoke at the Clackmannanshire Business Networking Event - Showcase your Business in Alloa Town Hall. It was pleasing to see so much commitment to the promotion of business within Clackmannanshire and desire to

attract interest from other businesses to relocate here. The growing success of this event can only augur well.

- 4.4 I attended Lornshill Academy Junior Awards Ceremony on 19th June.
- 4.5 I was represented by the Depute Leader at an inaugural meeting held at Alloa Town Hall to discuss Welfare Benefit Reform and how respective interested organisations and parties could seek to work together to mitigate the impact at a Clackmannanshire level.
- 4.6 I attended various forums within Clackmannanshire Central as part of the Council's formal consultation on the Village & Small Town Centre initiative, initially to encompass environmental improvements to Sauchie Main Street. I very much welcomed the engagement which will be fed by officers into deliberations on the greater consultation response.

Signed: G Womersley

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June, 2013

