

**CLACKMANNANSHIRE COUNCIL**

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**Date of Meeting: 24th October, 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 August to September, 2013.

**2.0 National Issues Affecting Clackmannanshire**

CoSLA

- 2.1 I attended the CoSLA Leaders' Meetings on 30th August and 27th September. Items discussed were:

**30th August, 2013**

- EU Scottish Funds 2014-2020
- Post-Convention Negotiations Update
- Local Government Settlement Negotiations
- Local Government Pay Update and Proposed Extension of Mandate
- Local Government Commission
- Commission for Developing Scotland's Young Workforce
- Community Planning: Duties for Partners
- Health and Social Care Integration
- Children and Young People (Scotland) Bill - Financial Memorandum
- Reshaping Care
- Consultation on Amending the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010
- Pensions
- Welfare Reform Update
- Local Government Funding Pressures

**27th September, 2013**

- Post-Convention Negotiations
- Consultation on Class Sizes
- Carers Legislation

- National Review of Town Centres
- Community Empowerment and Renewable Bill
- Charging for SQA National Qualifications
- Local Government Settlement 2014/15
- EU Funds 2014-20
- Commission on Strengthening Local Democracy
- Sensory Impairment Strategy
- Distribution Issues
- Pensions
- Local Government Funding Pressures
- Welfare Reform Update

2.2 Associated papers for the meeting have been placed on the members' portal for members to access.

### 3.0 Partnership Working

3.1 A **Meeting of Forth Valley NHS Board** took place on 20th August, 2013. Items for discussion were:

- Oral Health Improvement
- Financial and Performance Issues
- NHS Contribution to Community Planning

3.2 The **Shared Services Steering Group** met in Clackmannanshire on 20th August, 2013. Items for discussion were:

- Education Update
- Social Services Update
- Annual Stock Take

3.3 **Clackmannanshire Business Board Meeting** met on 21st August, 2013. Items for discussion were:

- Town Centre Parking
- CB Budget 2013/14
- Bid Update
- Regional Aid
- Falkirk "Threat"
- Imagine Alloa/Clacks Business Website
- Clackmannanshire Local Development Plan
- Tourism
- Forthcoming Events

3.4 On 5th September, I acted as an Independent Chair at the OLP Mid-term Evaluation Meeting. The work of OLP benefitted Clackmannanshire in a manner consistent with many Council aims and I was pleased to have been able to receive a comprehensive update as well as insight into OLP is seeking to face future challenges.

3.5 The **Clackmannanshire Alliance** met on 6th September, 2013, and items discussed were:

- Clacks 1000 presentation and report
- Clackmannanshire Alliance Memorandum of Understanding
- Delivering on the SOA 2012/13
- Clackmannanshire Third Sector Interface Progress Report
- SOA/Making Clackmannanshire Better Launch
- Partnership Team Matters
- Community Partners Development Day Report

3.6 The **Clackmannanshire/Stirling/NHS Partnership Board** met in Stirling on 17th September, 2013 and items discussed were:

- Health and Social Care Integration
- Locality Development
- Joint Management Team Priorities Update
- Reshaping Care Older People Joint Commissioning Plan

3.7 On 20th September, I also attended an NHS FV Seminar.

3.8 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 4th September, I visited HMP Glenochil and had a positive and informative discussion with the Governor. The visit impressed with the Governor giving a valuable insight into future plans for the facility. I would hope that future discussions will continue to see HMP Glenochil consolidate its position as stakeholder as part of the Council delivering upon its Single Outcome Agreement (SOA).

4.2 On 9th September, I attended the Launch of the Calibar Troopers Mother and Toddler Group. As well as enjoying a tour of the facilities at Coalsnaughton Village Hall (courtesy of Cllr McGill) it was good to see such a pleasing example of the Council working with a local community in such a positive way that should help assist in many welcome outcomes.

Signed: G Womersley

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October, 2013

