

CLACKMANNANSHIRE COUNCIL

Date of Meeting: 19th December, 2013

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 end of October to November, 2013.

2.0 National Issues Affecting Clackmannanshire

CoSLA

- 2.1 I attended the CoSLA Convention on 25th October. Items discussed were:
 - Local Government Pay Negotiations
 - Community Empowerment (Scotland) Bill
 - National Review of Town Centres
 - Procurement Reform Bill
 - Independent Living Fund
 - Evidence to Commission on Strengthening Local Democracy
 - Welfare Reform
 - Local Government Funding Pressures
- 2.2 I attended the CoSLA Leaders' Meeting on 22nd November. Items discussed were:
 - National Care Home Contract 2014/15
 - Community Planning: Joint Resourcing
 - Teachers' Pay
 - Disagreements with Government and their Resolution
 - Community Justice Structures
 - Settlement 2015/16
 - Local Government Powers
 - Regeneration Capital Grant Fund
 - Alcohol and Drugs Partnerships Quality Standards
 - Welfare Reform Update
 - Distribution Issues
 - EU Scottish Funds 2014/2020
 - Charging Guidance for Non-residential Social Care

- Local Support Services

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

3.0 Partnership Working

3.1 I attended the NHS Community Planning Working Group on 4th October.

3.2 A **Meeting of Forth Valley NHS Board** took place on 15th October. Items for discussion were:

- Maggie's Centre Development FVRH
- Financial and Performance Issues
- Dispensing Services Killin Medical Practice
- Capacity and Winter Planning
- Integration of Health and Social Care Update

3.3 I spoke at the Clackmannanshire Third Sector Interface (CTSI) AGM on 30th October.

3.4 The **Shared Services Steering Group** met in Stirling on 13th November. The main item for discussion was Health and Social Care Integration.

3.5 The Council's Chief Executive and I had follow-up meetings with the Chief Executive and Chair of NHS Forth Valley on 14th November and 4th December, to discuss the **bus services** which NHS FV currently support between Clackmannanshire and the hospital in Larbert. A separate briefing was circulated on this.

3.6 I attended the NHS FV Seminar on 19th November.

3.7 **Clackmannanshire Business Board Meeting** met on 20th November. Items for discussion were:

- Council Report on Economic Development
- Budget - Clackmannanshire Business/Imagine Alloa
- Discover Clackmannanshire
- Impact of Council Policy Decisions on Business Community
- Directors' Reports
- Forthcoming Events

3.8 On 29th November, I attended the NHS FV Annual Review Briefing for Board Members.

3.9 Associated papers for the meetings have been placed on the members' portal for members to access.

4.0 Staff and Other Visits

4.1 I attended the following events:

- 7th October - Clackmannanshire Secondary Schools Swimming Championships
- 21st October - Assessment Centre - Lornhill Academy Headteacher's Post
- 22nd October - Interviews - Lornhill Academy Headteacher's Post
- 4th November - Sauchie/Fishcross Community Council - I provided an update on local issues
- 6th November - Sauchie Environmental Improvement Project - Photocall
- 9th November - Sauchie and Fishcross Community Council - Open Day
- 11th November - Council Budget - Media Launch
- 12th November - Fishcross/Benvie Residents' Association - I provided an update on local issues
- 18th November - Council Budget - Third Sector Forum Budget Event
- 19th November - Members' Briefing - Welfare Reform
- 20th November - Public Meeting - Bedroom Tax
- 21st November - Council Budget Consultation - Public Meeting
- 26th November - Council Budget - Joint Parent Council

4.2 I would be happy to provide additional information on any of the above events.

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 Council Leader
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