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**Report to Special Meeting of the People Committee**

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**Date of Meeting: 19 February 2019**

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**Subject: Public Petitions**

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**Report by: Senior Service Manager, Partnership and Performance  
(Monitoring Officer)**

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**1.0 Purpose**

- 1.1. The report summarises the three petitions which have been received following the budget consultation process in respect of matters which fall within the remit of the People Committee. The full petitions do not accompany this report but the original petition will be available for inspection by the Committee.

**2.0 Recommendations**

- 2.1. It is recommended that the Committee hear from the petitioners, seeking information from them as appropriate, and then prepare a report to Council on how each of the petitions are disposed of.

**3.0 Considerations**

**3.1. Alloa Leisure Bowl**

This petition is in paper form and has been verified with 1462 signatures of people living in the Clackmannanshire Council area. A number of signatures have been discounted as they are of people living outwith the Council area. It is understood that there is also a change.org petition (which has not been verified by at the time of writing) but contains 4715 signatures.

The name of the principal petitioner is David Clarkson. He meets the principal petitioner criteria. Mr Clarkson has been invited to attend the Committee.

The title of the petition is "Stop Clackmannanshire Council from closing the Leisure Bowl". The information contained in the petition statement is as follows:

*"A notice of closure to Alloa Leisure Bowl has been proposed by Clackmannanshire Council.*

*The Leisure Bowl serves a wide community of all ages and ability. The leisure facility is vital to their physical and mental wellbeing and puts less strain on an already overstretched NHS.*

*The facility offers a full pool and exercise programme; in addition it offers bowling all year round and a full catering operation.*

*If the Leisure Bowl was allowed to close it would be a disaster for the community.*

*Did you know?*

*Drowning is the third highest cause of accidental death of children in the UK.*

*Shockingly more people drowned in the UK in the last year than in fire-related or drink-driving incident.*

*Please help us keep our leisure facility open.”*

### **3.2 Fishcross Primary School**

This petition is in paper form and has been verified with 979 signatures of people living in the Clackmannanshire Council area. A number of signatures have been discounted as they are of people living outwith the Council area. There is also a change.org petition which has been verified with 596 signatures of people living in the Clackmannanshire area. This is a total of 1575 signatories.

The name of the principal petitioner is Kari Smith. She meets the principal petitioner criteria. Ms Smith has been invited to attend the Committee.

The title of the petition is “Stop the Closure of Fishcross Primary School”. The information contained in the petition statement is as follows:

*“Fishcross Parent Council would like Clackmannanshire Council to reconsider the proposal of closing Fishcross Primary School.”*

### **3.3 Coalsnaughton Primary School**

This petition is in paper form and has been verified with 1392 signatures of people living in the Clackmannanshire Council area. A number of signatures have been discounted as they are of people living outwith the Council area. There is also a change.org petition which has been verified with 702 signatures of people living in the Clackmannanshire area. This is a total of 2094 signatories.

The name of the principal petitioner is Cheryl Hughes. She meets the principal petitioner criteria. Ms Hughes has been invited to attend the Committee.

The title of the petition is “Save Coalsnaughton Primary School”. The information contained in the petition statement is as follows:

*“Coalsnaughton Primary School has been at the heart of our community for generations. Clackmannanshire Council has put forward a proposal in their budget consultation to close our lovely school. We are calling on all elected*

*councillors at Clackmannanshire Council to reject any proposal that includes closing our school. Our children’s education should be their absolute priority and that means keeping education local and accessible. Failure to do so will be letting down the children of this community, the staff and the parents and carers. We cannot let that happen and we hope you will add your voice to our campaign to keep our school open.”*

#### **4.0 Sustainability Implications**

4.1. This report has no direct sustainability implications. The report from the Committee, once the petitions have been heard, may make reference to financial or sustainability considerations.

#### **5.0 Resource Implications**

##### *5.1. Financial Details*

5.2. The full financial implications of the recommendations are set out in the report. This includes a reference to full life cycle costs where appropriate. Yes

5.3. Finance have been consulted and have agreed the financial implications as set out in the report. Yes

##### *5.4. Staffing*

#### **6.0 Exempt Reports**

6.1. Is this report exempt? Yes  (please detail the reasons for exemption below) No

#### **7.0 Declarations**

The recommendations contained within this report support or implement our Corporate Priorities and Council Policies.

(1) **Our Priorities** (Please double click on the check box )

Clackmannanshire will be attractive to businesses & people and ensure fair opportunities for all

Our families; children and young people will have the best possible start in life

Women and girls will be confident and aspirational, and achieve their full potential

Our communities will be resilient and empowered so that they can thrive and flourish

(2) **Council Policies** (Please detail)

## 8.0 Equalities Impact

8.1 Have you undertaken the required equalities impact assessment to ensure that no groups are adversely affected by the recommendations?

Yes  No

Equality impact assessments have been carried out for all budget proposals.

## 9.0 Legality

9.1 It has been confirmed that in adopting the recommendations contained in this report, the Council is acting within its legal powers. Yes

## 10.0 Appendices

10.1 Please list any appendices attached to this report. If there are no appendices, please state "none".

None

## 11.0 Background Papers

11.1 Have you used other documents to compile your report? (All documents must be kept available by the author for public inspection for four years from the date of meeting at which the report is considered)

Yes  (please list the documents below) No

### Petitions:

#### Alloa Leisure Bowl

Principal Petitioner: David Clarkson

#### Fishcross Primary School

Principal Petitioner: Kari Smith, Fishcross Primary School Parent Council

#### Coalsnaughton Primary School

Principal Petitioner: Cheryl Hughes, Coalsnaughton Primary School Parent Council

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