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### Queensferry and District Community Council

#### Councillors Report – February 2019

##### Full Council

Full Council met on Thursday 7th February, I was absent from this meeting due to my recent health problems.

Full Council met again on Thursday 21st February to set the budget for 2019/20. I presented the alternative budget motion on behalf of the Conservative Group. I have attached a copy of the full motion with my report, however some of the key points are;

- Rejecting the tram extension at this time to fund a comprehensive capital project including new schools, roads and pavement repairs, park and ride extensions and reconfiguration of problem junctions to aid public transport.
- Limiting the Council Tax increase to 2%.
- Scrap the Garden Tax.
- Invest significantly more in Health and Social Care services than the administration.
- Set out plans to reform and restructure the Council to deliver value for money to residents.
- Maintained full funding for community Police Officers.

The Full Council will next meet on Thursday 14th March at 10am in the City Chambers .

##### Almond Neighbourhood Partnership

The Almond Neighbourhood Partnership has not met since the last meeting of Kirkliston Community Council.

Per the report approved by Full Council on February 7th, Neighbourhood Partnerships are set to be replaced by the new Neighbourhood Networks whose structure is yet to be defined.

##### North West Locality

The North West Locality Committee has not met since the last meeting of Kirkliston Community Council.

Per the report approved by Full Council on February 7th, Locality Committees are set to be abolished.

##### Local Issues

**Puddle outside the Haven** – A contractor has been appointed and works will commence in the next two to three weeks to address the drainage works outside the Haven.

**Samsons Pharmacy** - I have written a letter in support of the appeal for a new pharmacy.

**Sea Cadets at Port Edgar** - After much delay, agreement has finally been reached on the wording for the lease for the Sea Cadets at Port Edgar.

##### Events

I was unable to attend the site visit to the new Queensferry High School construction site on February 8th.

##### Surgeries

A reminder that I hold monthly surgeries at Queensferry Library—6pm and Kirkliston Library—7pm on the second Monday of every month, with the exception of April, July and December.