

CLlr Lindsay Paterson –September– QDCC

Some recent updates include:

Meeting with Stagecoach

On Thursday 22 September members of QDCC, along with the three ward councillors met with Andrew Jarvis, Managing Director of Stagecoach East Scotland regarding bus services in and around Queensferry and the surrounding area. The meeting covered a number of different issues which are described in more detail in the QDCC Transport Convenor's report, including routes; fares; punctuality and publicity.

During the discussions, matters where the local authority has influence were raised such as road layout/congestion and the three ward councillors agreed to write to the relevant CEC departments to highlight the concerns and ask for an update regarding action being taken to address these issues.

Queensferry Ambition Business Improvement District (BID) Renewal Ballot

On Tuesday 20 September, I attended the Council's Economy Committee which noted the proposal to hold a Queensferry Ambition Renewal Ballot in March 2017. The Business Improvement Districts (Scotland) regulations 2007 require a renewal ballot every five years and require the BID Proposer to serve notice to their Local Authority.

A BID Proposal will be presented to the City of Edinburgh Council in December 2016 detailing the proposed business plan. The Council has a statutory duty in respect of BIDs to act as the Ballot Holder, provide statement of existing Council services to the BID Proposer, supply a list of ratepayers eligible to vote in BID ballots to the BID Proposer, and if the ballot is successful, collect the BID levy. The renewal ballot timetable and further information can be found in the [report](#).

Road closures

Following email correspondence over the weekend regarding signs on display for another proposed closure of Hopetoun Road, I added my support to the QDCC Chair's call to the North West management team for this to be addressed and joined up working to be promoted between utilities and the council to minimise disruption for non-urgent works.

20mph speed limits

I have received a number of comments and queries from local residents regarding the introduction of 20mph zones. The first phase of the 20mph network covering the city centre and rural west came into effect on 31 July 2016, including [South Queensferry](#), Kirkliston, Ratho, Currie and Balerno. The final phase is scheduled to be completed by 31 January 2018 and more information can be found on the [council website](#).