

Cllr Lindsay Paterson –November 2016– QDCC

Some recent updates include:

Meeting with Taylor Wimpey: South Scotstoun- 27 October

I attended a meeting arranged with QDCC and Taylor Wimpey representatives to find out more about [their proposals](#) for South Scotstoun and likely timeframes for the plans moving forward. Taylor Wimpey later hosted a public exhibition to provide more information to the local community on 15 November and it is likely that a detailed planning application will be submitted shortly.

Meeting with Lothian Buses- 9 November

Local ward councillors attended this meeting arranged by QDCC with representatives of Lothian Buses to discuss current and potential future service provision to Queensferry, described in more detail in the Transport report.

Meeting with Paul Lawrence, Executive Director of Place, CEC – 14 November

QDCC and local ward councillors attended this meeting initially arranged with CEC CEO, Andrew Kerr. Unfortunately Andrew Kerr was not able to attend however Paul Lawrence came to the meeting and provided an update on the transformation programme and its impact on the frontline services provided by CEC to residents in the QDCC area. Various concerns were raised by those present and noted by Paul Lawrence who agreed to return to a future meeting to provide an update on progress.

Almond Neighbourhood Partnership, Rosebery Hall- 16 November

This special business meeting of the Neighbourhood Partnership was designed to refocus the priorities of the NP in order to be more responsive to the issues facing community councils in Almond and local residents. The meeting was positive and I am hopeful the NP can better serve its constituent community councils.

[Report on Queensferry High School](#)- 24 November

On 24 November, the Full Council meeting considered a report on the new Queensferry High School which provided an update on the project and requested Council approval to take the project forward to the next stage. The report, with a Conservative addendum, was approved unanimously. The addendum sought more clarity for those living in Kirkliston and currently residing in the QHS catchment area.

[Adoption of Local Development Plan 2](#)- 24 November

The meeting of Full Council also considered the formal adoption of LDP2. The [webcast](#) of the meeting shows the full debate. Due to my continuing concerns about the scale and impact of development proposed in LDP2 for Queensferry and west Edinburgh; the additional releases of greenbelt and greenfield land; and the recently publicised significant concerns of Scottish Ministers with LDP2 (pages 9 & 10 of the report), I voted to reject the plan. However LDP2 was supported by the administration parties and has now been formally adopted.

New candidate: [Graham Hutchison](#)

Some of you may know I am not seeking re-election to the council at the end of my term of office in 2017. I am delighted to introduce Graham Hutchison, who has been selected as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party candidate for Almond at the May 2017 local council elections. Graham lives in the ward in Kirkliston and I look forward to working with him in the coming months.