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### Queensferry & District Community Council

#### Councillors Report—September 2017

#### Full Council Meeting—Thursday 21st September 2017

The proposal to complete line 1 of the Edinburgh Tram network was given approval to move to stage 2, with only myself and my Conservative colleagues voting against. From my perspective the city would be better served by running a tramline to outlying areas with high car usage rather than through an area with much lower car ownership and already well served by bus services.

I questioned the council leader on the transport problems around the opening of the Queensferry Crossing and asked what re-assurances he had from Transport Scotland that the chaos experienced was merely due to teething issues and was not symptomatic of wider issues with the approaches and interchanges. I was somewhat underwhelmed by the response.

#### Local Issues

**New Queensferry High School**— I was delighted by the council's decision to include a 6 lane pool with potential for separate community access in the plans for the new school, which have now been submitted to the planning department. I commend the efforts of QDCC and everyone who was involved in achieving this significant victory for the local community who have been crying out for better leisure facilities. The future capacity issues remain unresolved however and I will be closely watching the discussion on this matter at October's meeting of the Education Committee.

**Scotstoun Pavement Repairs** – I continue to liaise with Peter Keggie on the further issue with the pavement repairs at Scotstoun as raised by Diane last month and have assurances that the defects will all be rectified.

**Neighbourhood Partnership Sub-groups**— I took an action from the August meeting to enquire as to the status of the neighbourhood partnership sub-groups. I have been advised by Peter Stong that the intention is to revive these groups as soon as the future of neighbourhood partnerships is clarified and that he sees the sub groups as a key part of the neighbourhood partnership model.

**Edinburgh Airport Flight Paths**— The CAA's halt to the proposed flight path changes has been welcomed by residents who have spoken to/contacted me.

**I have also been dealing with;** Residents housing issues and ongoing problems with missed waste collections

#### Events

I was delighted to attend the opening ceremony for the new Queensferry Crossing and was also lucky enough to get the opportunity to walk on the bridge through the Kirkliston community allocation. I commend the community council and everyone who assisted them in the work to arrange the bridge walks for local residents, in challenging circumstances and a very narrow timeframe.

#### Surgeries

A reminder that I am holding monthly surgeries at Queensferry Library at 6pm on the second Monday of the month, with the exception of December, March and July. Please spread the word.