

**EAST RENFREWSHIRE COUNCIL****28 March 2018****Report by Deputy Chief Executive****PROVOST'S ENGAGEMENTS****PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1. To advise the Council of a number of civic engagements attended by and civic duties performed by Provost Fletcher since the last meeting.

**RECOMMENDATION**

2. That the report be noted.

**REPORT**

3. Since the last meeting of the Council, the Provost has attended a number of civic engagements on behalf of the Council and carried out a number of civic duties. Details are as follows:-

6 March – Attended the funeral of former Eastwood District and East Renfrewshire Councillor Ian Hutchison

7 March – Attended at East Renfrewshire Vocational Professional Cookery Banquet, Carmichael Hall, Eastwood Park

12 March – Hosted the Commonwealth Flag Raising Ceremony, Council Headquarters

12 March – Hosted lunch for the East Renfrewshire Citizen of the Year Winner 2018, Provost's Office

15 March – Attended a St Patrick's Day celebration in Edinburgh

19 March – Attended Police Scotland Youth Volunteers Awards Ceremony, Glasgow City Chambers

20 March – Attended Official Opening of The Sir Harry Burns Centre, Barrhead

**School debates**

5 March – Attended Uplawmoor P7 Debate, Council Chamber debating "This House believes that social media is bad for you"

7 March – Attended Netherlee P7 Debate, Council Chamber debating "This House believes that zoos should be kept" assisted by Cllr Ireland

9 March – Attended Busby P7 Debate, Council Chamber debating "This House believes that all refugees should be allowed to stay in Scotland" assisted by Cllr Macdonald

13 March – Attended Calderwood Lodge P7 Debate, Council Chamber debating "This House believes that homework should be given to primary school children"

14 March – Attended Cross Arthurlie P7 Debate, Council Chamber debating "This House believes homework should be compulsory in schools"

16 March – Attended Cross Arthurlie P7 Debate, Council Chamber debating "This House believes mobile phones should be allowed in the classroom"

19 March – Attended OLM P7 Debate, Council Chamber debating "This House believes that tablets should replace text books in the classroom" assisted by Cllr Merrick

21 March – Attended Netherlee P7 Debate, Council Chamber debating "This House believes that animals should not be used as subjects for scientific research" assisted by Cllr Ireland

23 March – Attended OLM P7 Debate, Council Chamber debating "This House believes that stricter punishments is the solution to the problem of increasing rates in crime" assisted by Cllr Merrick

26 March – Attended OLM P7 Debate, Council Chamber debating "This House believes that professional footballers get paid too much" assisted by Cllr Merrick

28 March – Attended Netherlee P7 Debate, Council Chamber debating "This House believes that Mobile Phones should be allowed in Primary Schools" assisted by Cllr Ireland

#### Other School Events

7 March – Attended a performance of "Roll Back the Stone" at Our Lady of the Missions Primary School.

21 March – Attended the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass of St Luke's High School, Barrhead

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

4. That the report be noted.

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Background papers - None