

EAST RENFREWSHIRE COUNCIL**13 December 2017****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:-

28 October – Attended the Official Opening of the HQ of Paisley & District Battalion of the Boys' Brigade, Paisley.

31 October – Attended the Centenary of the Balfour Declaration, Scottish Parliament, Edinburgh.

1 November – Attended the Annual Youth Awards Ceremony, Carmichael Hall.

4 November – Attended at the Friends of the Prince and Princess of Wales Hospice Coffee Morning, Giffnock Bowling Club.

8 November – Attended as Speaker at Mearns Probus Club, Crookfur Pavilion.

11 November – Attended and switched on the Giffnock BID Christmas lights, Giffnock.

12 November – Attended the Remembrance Sunday Service at Newton Mearns Cenotaph.

12 November – Attended a Memorial Service, Newton Mearns Synagogue.

12 November – Attended the Remembrance Service, Cowen Park, Barrhead.

14 November – Attended an interview with STV regarding the Clarkston disaster, Eastwood House .

17 November – Attended the Showmen's Guild of Great Britain Annual Luncheon, Hilton Grosvenor Hotel, Glasgow.

20 November – Attended a Citizenship Ceremony welcoming new people to East Renfrewshire, Marriage Suite, Council HQ.

12 December – Attended a Shine the Light on Intelligence Event, Giffnock.

School debates

27 October – Attended Neilston P7 Debate, Council Chamber debating "This House believes that the UK should be more involved in space exploration" assisted by Cllr O'Kane.

30 October – Attended St Thomas' P7 Debate, Council Chamber, debating "This House believes that animal testing should continue".

3 November – Attended St Mark's P7 Debate, Council Chamber, debating "This House believes that BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) plays an important role within Scottish education".

6 November – Attended Eaglesham P7 Debate, Council Chamber debating "This House believes that we should have a badger cull".

10 November – Attended Eaglesham P7 Debate, Council Chamber debating "This House believes there is too much money in football" assisted by Cllr Bamforth.

13 November – Attended Kirkhill P7 School Debate, Council Chamber, debating "This House believes that smoking should be illegal" assisted by Cllr Bamforth.

15 November – Attended St John's P7 Debate, Council Chamber debating "This House believes that there should be tighter gun control in America".

17 November – Attended Kirkhill P7 School Debate, Council Chamber, debating "This House believes that jotters should be abolished and replaced with ICT" assisted by Cllr Bamforth.

20 November – Attended Kirkhill P7 School Debate, Council Chamber, debating "This House believes that the voting age should be lowered to 14" assisted by Cllr Bamforth.

Other School Events

8 November – Attended the Official Opening of Calderwood Lodge & St Clare's Primary Schools, Newton Mearns.

13 November – Attended the judging of the East Renfrewshire Road Safety Calendar Competition, Council HQ.

12 December – Attended the East Renfrewshire Road Safety Calendar Competition Prizegiving, Council Chamber.

11 December – Attended Giffnock PS Navity, Giffnock Primary School.

13 December – Attended the Opening of Crookfur Primary School.

RECOMMENDATION

4. That the report be noted.

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Background papers - None