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Councillor Colin Glover**

BORDERLANDS

Following the submission of a Borderlands Proposition to the UK and Scottish Governments, reference to a Growth Deal for the region was positively included in the Chancellor's Autumn Budget. Feedback on the proposition is awaited following which negotiations on the specifics of a deal will commence. The prospect of a deal is an exciting and unique opportunity to lever in significant investment, with Carlisle well placed as the beating heart of the region.

DEMENTIA ACTION ALLIANCE (DAA) - CARLISLE MEETING

The Carlisle Dementia Action Alliance (DAA) continues to meet at the Civic Centre, hosted by Carlisle City Council with the support of Alzheimer's Society. The numbers of Stakeholders attending from the public, private and voluntary sectors also continues to grow, with some excellent work taking place around the city, to support people living with dementia and their families.

The most recent meeting focussed on working together to develop action plans for further work to make Carlisle more dementia friendly and improving the quality of life for people living with dementia and their families. Botcherby Community Centre and Cumberland FA have launched a walking football programme and this is proving to be a popular activity. I was pleased to attend the Salvation Army carol service to thank them for their generous

Christmas appeal which raised £1,000 for the Alzheimer's Society 'Singing for the Brain' programme.

The next Dementia Action Alliance meeting was agreed for late January and will explore holding a '*development day*' where attendees will present ideas, policies and best practices that they have implemented. The aim is to cultivate ideas from across the Dementia Action Alliance and beyond to move us towards the goal of transforming Carlisle into a Dementia Friendly City.

Dementia Friends Workshop Tuesday 5 December 2017

This was a successful training event delivered by Dementia Friends in the Civic Centre, which aims to give people a better understanding of dementia and the small things we can all do to make a difference to the lives of people affected by dementia.

HEALTH AND WELLBEING DAY

The Health and Wellbeing day went ahead in early November, where the Chief Executive and myself signed the 'Time to Change' pledge on behalf of the council. As a Council, we are committed to challenging the stigma and changing the way we work around mental health issues and making sure that staff who face these problems feel supported. Over 160 employees attended the event and further wellbeing initiatives are planned, including a financial awareness day. Other completed sessions include; cholesterol checks and a session to raise alcohol awareness.

CARLISLE PRIMARY SCHOOLS COUNCIL

On the 21st November, 12 primary schools were invited to Carlisle City Council for a schools council meeting in the Council Chamber. The meeting was opened by the Mayor, and Carlisle Youth Council representatives and myself participated.

The Primary School children had been given the question to discuss and prepare for at their school meetings: "*What would you do to help make Carlisle more Sugar Smart?*"

The children presented the findings and recommendations back to the wider group and elected members. The children had also made posters and one group made a film. The children's ideas will be used to shape the Sugar Smart project.

ROUND-UP OF EVENTS

On the run up to Christmas we have had a number of festive events in the city centre.

These began with our Christmas Market which ran from the 23rd of November until the 3rd of December. We had 32 stalls with a mix of local and national traders selling a range of food, drink, crafts and clothing. The event was well received by members of the public and feedback from the traders was also very positive. We hope to build on this next year by holding a similar event.

The second annual 'Santa Dash' was held in Carlisle on Sunday the 10th of December. This was 2 family friendly races (5km and 2km) where 450 people took part in both. All of the entrants were dressed in Santa outfits and the course took them from Bitts Park, through the streets of Carlisle and finished in the city centre.

The Winter Wonderland and Santa's Grotto returned to Carlisle city centre between the 16th and 21st of December. This Winter Wonderland event gave members of the public the chance to guess the number of polar bears within the marquee for the chance to win a prize and also have a picture taken on a ski lift! There were also 10 local traders selling food and drink in stalls dotted around the pedestrian area.

NEXT EVENTS PLANNED

Friday 16 February 2018: Chinese New Year Event. Organised in partnership between Tullie House and Carlisle City Council.

Saturday 17 March 2018: Carlisle Hygge Feel Good Festival.

Thursday 29 March – Monday 2 April 2018: Easter International Market in Carlisle city centre.

The Carlisle Farmers' Market continues to be held on the first Saturday of every month in Carlisle city centre.