**COUNCILLOR REPORT – Janet Lay-Douglas**

**Education Portfolio Update**

**LFD Rapid Testing Kits delivered to schools** –

From the 22nd February Primary 1-3 and Senior phase S4-S6 will return to school.

LFD Test kits are used for those without symptoms of Corona Virus and have now been delivered to allow Staff and Senior phase S4-S6 to test at home 3-4 days apart before attending Work place/ or school. The scientific evidence still suggests concerns around transmission is concentrated on Adults. S4-S6 have been classed as adults so will be tested alongside staff. All participation in testing is voluntary.

Negative Result is reported to NHS

Positive Result to School/ workplace and take a PCR Test (test for those with

2 void results must book PCR Test

Collection Points are being set up and areas of storage at around temp 2c-30 degrees.

Group meeting.

**Other Business**

My group had a meeting with the Director of Place and Operations to discuss the Winter plan, Resilience Groups, Roads, Budgets and how the additional resources have been used during lockdown and what staff resources look like when those workers go back to their day jobs. Also a focus on how workers could be reskilled to do more than one role to help resources With regard to Winter Plan there has to be lots of effort to keep public informed but it was agreed that maybe they could do more to information share and communicate with the community. We had a recent motion in Council hoping to change the financial accounting for potholes, happy to share with anyone interested, a letter that was sent to Scottish Government.

I am part of the Poverty grants scoring Panel which met last week and this week. We are considering the applications for grants of 5k up to 20k.

Cross party meeting next week with Director of Place to discuss Glyphosphate Weed killer prior to get some common ground prior to paper going to March Council.

BTSG meeting where we discussed Budgets and the freezing of Council Tax.

Any queries on the above or other business happy to discuss further.

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