

## Item 7 - Question Time

### Response to Dr D Alston

I have attended the following external meetings and appointments since coming into office. The list excludes all internal Council meetings and all appointments connected with my role as a ward councillor. Apologies I have submitted are also shown in the chart below:

<b>Meetings attended and apologies submitted by Leader for the period</b>		
<b>11 June - 25 August 2015</b>		
	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Apologies</b>
W/B 08 June 2015		
12 June	Funeral of Charles Kennedy, Fort William	
W/B 22 June 2015		
26 June	COSLA Convention, Edinburgh	
W/B 06 July 2015		
07 July	Meeting with Elsie Normington of The Elsie Normington Foundation, Inverness	
07 July	Meeting HIE re: Highland Broadband Connectivity, Inverness	
08 July	Meeting with Dr Alastair Noble, re Community Planning, Nairn	
10 July	Meeting with Graeme Ambrose CEO VisitInvernessLochNess	

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<b>11 June - 25 August 2015</b>		
	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Apologies</b>
W/B 20 July 2015		
21 July	Meeting with Supt Philip Macrae, Head of Support Services @ Old Perth Road re call centre closure	
23 July	Joint Stakeholder Group re Youngs Seafood, Peterhead, Aberdeenshire	
W/B 27 July 2015		
27 July	Meet with Thelma Henderson, Scottish Provincial Press, Inverness	
30 July	Meeting with Angus Dick, Cameron Youth Centre, Inverness	
30 July	Meeting with Bob Mitchell Transport Scotland and Tommy Deans (new Network Manager, BEAR)	
01 August	Opening Ceremony World Orienteering , Nairn	
W/B 03 August 2015		
03 August	Meeting with Chair and CE of Inverness Leisure, Inverness	

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<b>11 June - 25 August 2015</b>		
	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Apologies</b>
03 August	Meeting with Chair of High Life Highland, Inverness	
04 August	Meeting with Fergus Ewing MSP, Minister for Business, Energy and Tourism, Inverness	
05 August	NDA Archive Event, Caithness	
07 August	Meeting with Ian Blackford MP, Inverness	
W/B 10 August 2015		
10-15 August	Cultural Visit to Romania – invitation received 27 July 2015	apologies submitted
11 August	Meeting with Drew Hendry MP, Inverness	
11 August	Meeting with Keith Brown MSP, Minister for Transport and Infrastructure, Inverness	
11 August	Meeting with John Swinney MSP, Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Sustainable Growth, Macphail Centre, Ullapool	

**Meetings attended and apologies submitted by Leader for the period****11 June - 25 August 2015**

	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Apologies</b>
11 August	Civic Welcome to the Scottish Cabinet for the Cabinet Meeting, Macphail Centre, Ullapool	
11 August	Welcome Speech - Public Engagement Event Scottish Cabinet, Ullapool	
12 August	Meeting with Steve Walker, Stagecoach, Inverness	
14 <sup>th</sup> August	Meeting with Mr Derek Penman (HM Inspector of Constabulary in Scotland) Inverness	
14 August	Meeting with Chief Superintendent Julian Innes, Inverness	
14 August	Meeting with Dave Thompson MSP, Inverness	
W/B 17 August 2015		
18 August	Meeting with Rory Mair, CE, COSLA, Inverness	
19 August	Visit to Kyle of Sutherland Community Development Trust, Big Lottery Committee	

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<b>11 June - 25 August 2015</b>		
	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Apologies</b>
20 August	Scottish Land Fund Committee meeting, Inverness	
W/B 24 August 2015		
24 August	Highlands & Islands of Scotland European Partnership, Inverness	
24 August	Interview with Audit Scotland Representatives, Inverness	
24 August	Charles Kennedy Memorial Service, Dingwall	
25 August	Scottish Cities Leaders Workshop, Perth	Apologies submitted. Substituted by City Provost & Leader
25 August	Meeting with David Mundell MP, Secretary of State for Scotland, Inverness	

I have many meetings planned over the next three month period. Due to security considerations I am not at liberty to publish advance notice of all meetings – for example where they involve Scottish and UK Ministers. Because of this and the degree to which my diary changes on a weekly and daily basis as appointments are moved around to accommodate new requirements, I consider it would be misleading to publish information on my future diary commitments.