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DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL - WEEKLY ROAD REPORT

REPORT FOR WEST END WARD - SATURDAY 27 AND SUNDAY 28 JANUARY 2018

Nethergate (West Marketgait to Park Place) - closed on Sunday 28 January for crane lifting works.

REPORT FOR WEST END WARD - WEEK COMMENCING MONDAY 29 JANUARY 2018

A85 Riverside Drive — prohibition of right turn from westbound lane of Riverside Drive into Riverside approach and prohibition of right turn from Riverside Approach in to Riverside Drive for one week for works to the sea wall. Prohibitions will only be in place when required.

Riverside Drive at Dundee Railway Station — eastbound nearside lane closure for 6 weeks for footway works.

Tullideph Road (at City Road) — lane closure for one week for Scottish Hydro Electric cable works.

Forthcoming Roadworks

Lochee Road (Polepark Road to Gardners Lane) — closed on Sunday 11 February for Scottish Water reinstatement works.

Glamis Road * (Blackness Road to Dickson Avenue) — off-peak (7.30pm — 6.30am) temporary traffic lights on Thursday 15 and Friday 16 February, then closed from Monday 19 February for up to 10 days for footway and tree works.

* Glamis Road at this section was originally to be closed from Monday 29 January for 10 days for forestry and footway works. I queried both residents' access and bus diversion arrangements and on the latter matter, the council decided to put back the works to mid-February to enable discussions and agreement with the bus companies on diversions for the services 5, 73 and 204. I will do an update on this closure in the next few days.

New policies please

One of the advantages of leaving the EU in March 2019 is the ability it should bring to change policies we do not like. Many of us wish to see a new borders policy, a new fishing policy, a new agriculture policy, and the reduction of taxes the EU insists on where we do not agree. Because we wish to get on with improving these areas we do not want a two year so called Transitional period if that means we cannot take control of our laws, borders and money.

I will look again at these areas in turn to see what the opportunities are, and to stress how undesirable it would be to agree to any transition which stopped us getting on with making these changes soon.

Let us take borders for starters. I wish to see a White Paper soon setting out the options and expressing a government preference on how we should control our borders and who we should invite in after March 29 2019.

I want a policy which is fair and even handed between people coming from the EU and from the rest of the world. We should move away from a priority system for EU citizens. I wish to see a policy which allows free movement of tourists, short term visitors, investors and people with the means to support themselves. I want to allow in people with skills and qualifications we need, using a visa permit system. I want our approved universities and Colleges to recruit as many overseas students as they wish.

The policy should be enforced by a combination of work permits and qualifications for benefit eligibility. That way we can have an open border as at present, whilst reducing the numbers of people coming here to claim benefits and to take lower paid jobs.

<u>Indicative programme - Agriculture and</u> <u>Fisheries Council meeting of 29</u> <u>January 2018</u>

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<u>Declaration by the High Representative</u> <u>on behalf of the EU on the latest</u> <u>developments in Venezuela</u>

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EEAS spokesperson +32 2 298 65 70 +32 498 98 44 25 The European Union firmly condemns the decision by the Venezuelan authorities to declare the Ambassador of Spain in Caracas as persona non grata and expresses its full solidarity with Spain. The EU recalls that its decisions in the area of foreign policy are taken by unanimity. We call for this decision to be reversed as it affects relations between Venezuela and the European Union.

As regards the recent decision to organise presidential elections, taken by the National Constituent Assembly that the EU does not recognise, we deeply regret that it was taken outside the scope of the national dialogue. Elections should be based on a viable electoral calendar, agreed in the context of the national dialogue with all relevant actors and political parties, all of whom should assume their responsibilities. The respect of equal, fair and transparent conditions of participation, including the lifting of bans on political opponents, a balanced composition of the National Electoral Council and the existence of sufficient guarantees with independent international observation comprised, are the only way to rebuild confidence of the Venezuelan people in the electoral process and avoid further polarisation.

In this context, the EU also deplores the Supreme Court's recent decision to exclude the MUD from the presidential elections, which represents a new and serious breach to the principle of equitable elections.

The future of Venezuela can only be determined by its people. The European Union reiterates the need for a negotiated and peaceful solution to the crisis in Venezuela based on credible elections, the recognition and respect of the role and independence of all democratically elected institutions, notably the National Assembly, the release of all political prisoners and the upholding of human rights and fundamental freedoms.

The EU will keep monitoring the situation and stands ready to take appropriate measures in light of developments and will continue using all its instruments to foster shared democratic solutions that can bring political stability and allow the country to address the pressing needs of the population that is harshly affected by the present crisis.

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