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Surgery Calendar

I will hold the following surgeries before dissolution of Parliament on 23rd March 2016.

Mondays 7th December, 1st February & 7th March

4.30pm Rosemount Lifelong Learning
102 Royston Road G21 2NU
6pm Springburn Academy
151 Edgefauld Road G21 4JL

Mondays 14th December, 11th January, 8th February & 14th March

5.30pm Kelvindale Primary School
11 Dorchester Place G12 0BP
7pm Maryhill Burgh Halls
10-24 Gairbraid Avenue G20 8YE

Mondays 21st December, 18th January, 15th February & 21st March

4.30pm CTEC Building, 1-15 Main St,
Cambuslang G72 7EX
6pm King Street Council Offices
Rutherglen G73 10Q

Mondays 25th January & 22nd February

5pm Lambhill Stables
11N Canal Bank G22 6RD
6.30pm Bellcraig Community Centre
10 Gorstan Street G23 5QA

Please always call ahead to confirm surgeries in case of cancellation. Constituents with appointments will be given priority.

Fighting to save local bus services



I have made representations to both First Glasgow and Strathclyde Passenger Transport (SPT) to oppose the reduction of the M3 service to hourly, and to oppose the re-routing of the 10 service.

Despite collecting hundreds of signatures, meeting with First Glasgow and suggesting possible solutions to both the bus company and SPT, I was unable to even get both groups to meet each other to discuss this.

As a result there is now a poorer bus service in areas

such as Westercommon, Milton, Sighthill and Springburn. I will continue to campaign for improved services.

On a brighter note I am pleased to say several constituents have contacted me to welcome the new bus services connecting them to the new Southern General Hospital from the north of the city.

Having met with the NHS over transport links to the new hospital, it is pleasing to see progress has been made.

Backing youth sporting opportunities



I recently invited Sports Minister, Jamie Hepburn MSP to Springburn's Petershill Park to see the excellent work being done by A&M Training.

A&M Training provide free football training and run a football league for youth across north Glasgow - including footballers from Possilpark, Springburn, Maryhill and

Royston (to name just a few).

They also run several dance classes. Ensuring it is a free sporting opportunity is crucial as it makes it affordable for all.

I am in discussions with the Scottish Government to see how we can expand such excellent sporting opportunities across our communities.

Boosting regeneration in Glasgow communities



I am keen to help boost regeneration in our communities. A major opportunity exists in Springburn following the demolition of the Red Road flats.

Once the area is cleared I want to play my part in helping develop the site, which ensures the local community has its say on redeveloping the area.

I am involved in supporting a number of other community regeneration initiatives including the Royston Regeneration Forum where there are ambitious plans to improve local amenities and within Cadder where £1m of Scottish Government cash is helping fund a new community centre. I will continue to back community led regeneration.



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Improving train services



I continue to work for rail improvements and wish to build on my success of winning Sunday rail services on the Maryhill line, as well as additionally at Alexandra Parade and Barnhill.

I am making representations to Scotrail seeking to improve the reliability of the service, and, to have ticketing facilities at stations to avoid unacceptable queues (pictured) to purchase tickets at Queen Street station at peak times.

Local students benefit from work experience



Bob with work experience students, Alex Docherty from Sighthill and Sophie Thompson from Royston.

I've had students from John Paul Academy, Cleveden Secondary, St Roch's and Trinity High all complete work experience in my office. I also hope to have Springburn Academy work experience students in the office in the near future.

Students have been exceptional - a credit to schools and families. Whilst the number of places available can be limited, I'm keen to make available additional placements for students from a wider selection of schools.

School buses campaign victory



Bob Doris MSP taking part in 'safety walks' on both Auchinairn Road and Maryhill Road with affected families and local councillors.

When Glasgow City Council went ahead with plans to axe school bus provision for around 1,500 children across the city, I campaigned with hundreds of families to insist that the Council reverse their decision and re-instate services.

Representing many families in our communities, I made dozens of detailed representations demonstrating that proposed walking routes were clearly unsafe. I also assisted with a number of 'safety walks' where together with local councillors and families we demonstrated quite clearly just how dangerous these 'safe' routes actually were.

Significant safety concerns were identified on a range of walking routes, most notoriously on Maryhill Road and Auchinairn Road. I am pleased that Glasgow City Council have now bowed to pressure, reversed their decision and are re-instating school buses. However

the Council should never have withdrawn the bus services in the first place.

It is disappointing they did not listen to the concerns myself and many families made ahead of axing school buses. It is also worth noting that for some communities it was a school train pass that was removed from students.

We warned that children would be left facing long and dangerous walks to school and that many parents would not be able to either find or afford suitable alternative transport. We warned that for some attendance would suffer and that it put at risk educational attainment.

I was proud to represent our communities and I am relieved that common sense has prevailed. Parent power won the day and it was a privilege to play my part by making representations on behalf of many constituents.

Supporting families



Meeting families at a Parent Toddlers group in Royston.

I regularly visit wonderful organisations who support families across our communities.

I visited a parents and toddlers' group at the Roystonhill Community Centre, run by St Roch's Childcare. They recently gained funding to meet increased demand, and to expand into neighbouring communities including Germiston and Blackhill.

I attended Maryhill based Home Start North Glasgow's annual meeting along with its patron Kaye Adams. I am a long term supporter of Home Start who train volunteers to work with and support families in our communities. It was wonderful hearing from those who have benefited.

It is important that we give our children the best start in life and I support Scottish Government plans to increase the amount of free childcare but also, significantly, to make it more flexible for families.



Attending Home Start Glasgow North's AGM



Widening educational attainment

I recently met with the Scottish Government's Chair of the Commission on Widening Access, Dame Ruth Silver. I arranged for her to meet former Springburn Academy student, Joanne Martin.

Joanne encountered challenges and barriers when trying to gain a place at medical school. Joanne was turned down from various medical schools on eight occasions despite having all the required grades.

I have been working with Joanne for several months to

challenge the selection criteria at medical schools, which we considered to disadvantage students in state schools-particularly in deprived areas.

Joanne has since gained a place at Aberdeen Medical School and took up her place in September. The meeting was an opportunity to inform Dame Silver's Commission, who will make recommendations to the Scottish Government on how to further improve access to Scotland's Universities for those from the most deprived areas in Scotland.



Tracy's Tree

It has been a privilege to support Maryhill woman Jackie Lennox to campaign for a remembrance Christmas Tree to be placed outside Maryhill's Burgh Halls.



The tree will have baubles with the names of loved ones that have

1. Bob with Joanne Martin and Ruth Silver (see article, left).

2. At Eastfield Park with campaigners seeking to improve the area.

3. Bob at the launch of Positive Possilpark which supports both existing and new services for young people and families. Pictured with representatives of Barnado's, Hawthorn Housing, Young Peoples Futures & Stepping Stones.

4. At Possibilities in Possilpark supporting the excellent work they do with various groups including those living with disabilities.

5. Celebrating the 30th anniversary of Bellcraig Community Centre in Summerston.

6. Supporting campaigners from Unite Engineers Branch along with Tommy Gorman and James Kelman at Parliament fighting for a fairer deal for pleural plaques victims.

7. Fields off Blackhill Road at Summerston, earmarked for development by Glasgow City Council. Bob has supported the local community to oppose these plans.

passed away. It was inspired in memory of Jackie's sister Tracy who sadly died in 2014.

I was also pleased to support the Milton community at the re-opening of their memorial garden over the summer, a wonderful and quiet place to go to remember loved ones. I spoke with Joanna Ring and her daughter Ainslie who told me just how important the memorial garden was to them.



Backing City Building's 2,000 employees



I have been in dialogue with representatives of City Building and RSBI's 2,000 employees who are currently in a period of uncertainty.

The uncertainty has been caused by Glasgow City Council making plans to restructure City Building with workers concerned over potential job losses, a diminution of pay and conditions and the organisation being broken up.

Trade Unions have shared with me the anxieties and frustrations of the workforce and their belief that workers are being kept

in the dark whilst the City Council develop proposals which could dramatically impact on them.

I have raised concerns with Roseanna Cunningham MSP, Scotland's Fair Work Secretary, over how the City Council have handled this process.

I have also held a parliamentary debate at Holyrood to celebrate the achievements of the workforce at City Building and RSBI who have made £50m profit over the last 10 years.

Supporting palliative care in Glasgow

As deputy convener of the Scottish Parliament's Health and Sport Committee, I was pleased to visit Springburn's Marie Curie Hospice and meet staff and patients.

Our committee has been conducting an Enquiry into the quality of palliative care services across Scotland. Listening to the views of staff, patients and families is key to this. We heard what is working well and also what needs to improve.

With a growing and ageing population, the demands on palliative care services are likely to increase significantly in years to come and the Scottish Government has already indicated that it is keen to listen to our Committee in relation to conclusions about how best to develop palliative care services.



Backing investment in health

I visited the new £12million health and social care centre for Maryhill which is likely to open in the spring of 2016 as one of three new centres for the city along with East Pollokshields and Woodside. These new facilities follow on from the new health centre recently opened in Possilpark.

I support such investment with nearly £2billion being spent by Greater Glasgow and Clyde this year alone. A 3.1% increase from last year. Significantly it

received £7m of new money to tackle delayed discharge from hospitals.

With an ageing population it is important that more people are treated in the community and that they are supported to stay in their homes for longer. That is why as deputy convener of the Health and Sport Committee I am also backing the Carers Bill to provide more support to achieve just that.



On the site of Maryhill's new Health Centre with Cabinet Secretary for Health Shona Robison MSP.

Opposing UK Trade Union Bill

I recently met with workers' representatives from Glasgow as part of an STUC organised rally at the Scottish Parliament and also spoke in a Scottish Government led debate opposing the UK Trade Union Bill.

The Bill would place huge

restrictions on trade unions, severely restricting Union representative ability to represent members and implement thresholds for strike ballots which would require up to 80% of workers to vote 'yes' before striking.

Fighting Tax Credit cuts

The Scottish Parliament's Information Centre estimates 26,000 families in Glasgow with more than 46,000 children could lose out financially due to cuts.

Some estimates suggest that could

be at least £1,500 a year due to UK Government proposals to reform tax credits.

I asked the Scottish Government to 'urge the UK Government to scrap the changes'.



1. Outside the Scottish Parliament backing the campaign to keep TTIP out of our NHS.

2. Meeting with Housing Minister, Margaret Burgess MSP and Electrical Safety First following my successful amendment to improve the electrical safety in the private rented sector.

3. With Mickey Weir, Fraser Wishart and John Robertson supporting Show Racism The Red Card's 'This Is My Home' campaign, demonstrating the positive force football can play in breaking down barriers.

4. At Parliament supporting an STUC rally to protect workers rights.

5. Supporting Shelter's campaign to improve private rented housing.

