

Dear Colleague,

## **Tayside Contracts New Business Plan and Meet the Managing Director**

Before getting into the detail of why I'm writing to you, I'd like to say once again how overawed I have been at the fantastic response everyone in Tayside Contracts has given to the extremely difficult circumstances we are working in. There are so many examples of terrific public service provided by you, including:

- Setting up a rota of our people (within a few hours) to carry out essential cleaning to the Mass Vaccination Centre at Caird Hall, so it could open for business quickly, and be kept clean and safe.
- Having to change our catering, cleaning, janitorial and school crossing patrolling arrangements – once again – as schools in Tayside partially re-opened to pupils this week. This included a massive effort to ensure everyone is set up for COVID testing.
- Everyone who responded so brilliantly to the recent winter weather - going out there and keeping essential services going, ensuring that our roads and footway networks were kept clear, and, also keeping Covid Test Centres and Mass Vaccinations operational, as part of the national fight against the pandemic.

These are just a few examples - I could have listed so many more.

The biggest regret I have since joining Tayside Contracts is not being able to get out and about to say a massive 'thank you' to you in person. What you do is so inspirational, and I'm so grateful to everyone in Tayside Contracts for continuing to support our communities, and each other in these extremely difficult times.

Despite the pandemic, other work continues, and that's what I wanted to contact you about. A really important part of this work is our new Business Plan, which sets out what we exist for, and what we should do, to provide the best we can for the people of Tayside.

The Business Plan is being developed by a group of people from across the organisation, and I'd like the chance to share the thinking with you, and hear what you have to say. It would also be a great chance for me to meet up with you, if we haven't already done so. Unfortunately, due to Covid restrictions, we can only do this in a very limited way.

If you're interested in hearing about the Business Plan, and helping to shape our future, I'm organising a couple of sessions on Microsoft Teams next week. If you're available to come along to one, it would be great to meet up, even just for the hour.

**The date/time options are:**

**Tuesday 2 March – 3-4pm**

**Wednesday 3 March – 12-1pm**

If you want to come along, please let Ashleigh Robertson know by emailing her [Ashleigh.robertson@tayside-contracts.co.uk](mailto:Ashleigh.robertson@tayside-contracts.co.uk) and she will add you to the meeting invitation. Please check with your line manager to make sure its ok to attend, to ensure you have enough cover in your team.

If you would like to come to an event like this, but the times don't suit (or you'd like to be involved in some other way), please let Ashleigh know and we can organise something else.

I hope I can catch up with you at one of these sessions next week, and thanks once again for all you do.

Regards

Keith