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**THIS PAPER RELATES TO
ITEM 16
ON THE AGENDA**

**Motion to Clackmannanshire Council Meeting
30th November 2023**

Subject to the Council entering into a validly executed Agreement with the designer of the winning entry of the Clackmannanshire Tartan Schools Competition, and finalising any additional legal requirements the Council agrees that-

- 1) The tartan design and story, the winning entry to the design a "Clackmannanshire Tartan" Schools Competition, is agreed and approved as "The Clackmannanshire Tartan".
- 2) That the "Clackmannanshire Tartan" will be registered by Clackmannanshire Council with the Scottish Register of Tartans for the businesses and people of Clackmannanshire.

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20th November 2023

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Background Paper

Motion to Council on 30th November 2023 for agreement to register a winning Schools Tartan Design as “The Clackmannanshire Tartan”.

On the 21st September 2022 The Provost launched the competition and invited learners in S1-S6 across Clackmannanshire to design a tartan that would be the first to represent their home county.

The competition was facilitated by the Futures Institute at Dollar Academy (FIDA) and Clackmannanshire Secondary School design departments– who produced resources that were freely available to learners and teachers looking to take part in the competition. Young people learned about tartan and its design principles from expert designers and weavers, as well as explored the rich industrial heritage and natural environment of Clackmannanshire to inspire their designs.

As with all FIDA challenges, sustainability was a key factor, with young people having to consider the sustainability of the fabric itself and how to minimise waste. They were also asked to submit ideas for potential products made from the tartan that would bring social and economic benefits to the local community.

The competition was open to all learners in S1-S6 who lived or studied in Clackmannanshire. It launched during Sustainable Fashion Week on 21 September 2022, and closed on 30th November 2022.

The judging panel included the Provost, Claire Hunter of Taffled Threads and Lesley Thornton of Crimson Kilts, all based in Clackmannanshire. McCall’s Highland wear, Tillicoultry kindly offered prize vouchers worth £300 with both Taffled Threads and Crimson Kilts providing other gifts.

23 Tartan designs were submitted and after a period of judging the Tartan Design and Story from Ronan Anderson, Dollar Academy was chosen to be taken forward as the “Clackmannanshire Tartan”. In March 2023 a covid restricted awards ceremony was held at Dollar Academy (due to covid restrictions on the use of Kilncraigs and the Council Chambers) with prizes of commendation awarded to Chloe Murray (Alva Academy), Lois Thompson (Dollar Academy), Abi Morrison and Evie Muir (Lornshill Academy).

Clackmannanshire Third sector interface (Ctsi) have kindly offered to sponsor the registration of the Clackmannanshire Tartan at an estimated cost of £150 including certificates of registration.

The process will involve the securing of appropriate copyright and intellectual property rights on behalf of the Council, as well as the necessary checking by the Tartan Registration authority that the proposed “Clackmannanshire Tartan” is unique and meets the necessary qualifications for Registration as a regional Tartan representing Clackmannanshire i.e. approval of Clackmannanshire Council.

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