Lord Provost meets HM The Queen for the Ceremony of the Keys

The Lord Provost, the Rt Hon Frank Ross, in his role as Lord Lieutenant attended Holyrood Palace today for the Ceremony of the Keys when he met Her Majesty the Queen who is beginning her usual week of engagements in the city.

The Lord Provost and The Lady Provost Hanna Ross are photographed with Her Majesty who was welcomed to "your ancient and hereditary kingdom of Scotland".

Later this week the Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau will pay a visit to Her Majesty while she is here in Edinburgh.

This is not the first ceremony of the keys which the new Lord Provost has conducted however as he met The Princess Royal when she represented Her Majesty The Queen at the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland earlier this year.

Commenting, Lord Lieutenant Frank Ross, said: "As the city's new Lord Provost, it is my civic duty to welcome and represent the Royal Family in Edinburgh. It has been an honour to present Her Majesty with the keys to the city, and I am looking forward to supporting the Queen on behalf of the city throughout Royal Week."

Further details of Royal Week, also known as Holyrood Week, can be found at https://www.royal.uk/holyrood-week.



On Twitter the Official Royal Family Twitter account offered

the news

The Queen is officially welcomed to Edinburgh and offered the keys to the city. #Holyroodweek #Royalweek pic.twitter.com/RpfNZlboHI

- The Royal Family (@RoyalFamily) July 3, 2017

There were some councillors present among the guests :

Her Majesty is welcomed to Scotland! Find out more about Holyroodhouse Palace here. https://t.co/ARVa3d4Ph2
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And then of course it takes Councillor Mark Brown to give us the inside track!

A beautiful afternoon at Holyrood Palace for the Ceremony of the Keys. Honoured to represent the City. pic.twitter.com/cWynB6R57g

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And even better.....

How cute is this wee fella! pic.twitter.com/V4ZzhhiGKC

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