

Councillor Townson

- 1) Can the Convener of Education, Culture and Sport confirm what provision has been made to maintain service provision should this administration succeed in evicting volunteers from successfully run leased community centres?

As Councillor Townson is well aware it was under his stewardship that the lease and management agreement was approved by full Council on 4th April 2012. Given that Councillor Townson voted for the lease and management agreement to be approved at Council as did all Councillors it is felt that volunteers should be well able to sign up to the lease and management agreement, that was approved by full Council in April 2012, prior to the end date of the current leases of the seven centres operating under “tacit relocation” (28 November 2012.) It is noted that one volunteer Management Committee has already signed up to the new arrangements, with more Management Committees set to follow over the coming weeks. I am hopeful that all other Management Committees will follow suit in signing up to the new lease so that they can continue the good work of running community centres for the benefit of local citizens, while being supported through the new lease and Management Agreement.

In terms of Standing Order 20(2)(i), Councillor Townson has requested that the above question be placed on the agenda as he considers that Councillor Laing has not answered the question and has made no mention of continuity of service provision.