



West Lothian Council

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John and Becki Campbell
145 Waverley Crescent
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14 October 2022

Dear John and Becki

CONGRATULATIONS – SCOTTISH COMMONWEALTH MEN AND WOMEN'S ARTISTIC GYMNASTICS TEAMS

I am writing on behalf of West Lothian Council and the people of West Lothian to congratulate you both on being selected to coach the Scottish Commonwealth Men & Women's Gymnastics Teams. Your dedication and commitment to excellence in coaching was evident by the performance of the team, and in particular the success of Shannon Archer for winning a bronze medal on the vault.

West Lothian can be extremely proud of your achievements and that of Shannon and the rest of the team and I would like to thank you both for your contribution into making this such a successful event for our gymnasts.

Well done to all involved and best wishes for success in the future

Yours sincerely

Provost Cath Muldoon



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Shannon Archer
19 Crossgreen Place
Uphall
West Lothian
EH52 6TD

20 October 2022

Dear Shannon

CONGRATULATIONS – SCOTTISH COMMONWEALTH WOMEN'S ARTISTIC GYMNASTICS BRONZE MEDAL

I am writing on behalf of West Lothian Council and the people of West Lothian to congratulate you on winning the bronze medal for the Women's Vault at the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth games. This is an amazing achievement, particularly as you have become the first Scottish gymnast ever to win an individual women's medal in these games.

I'm sure your coaches, team mates and family are also justifiably proud of the success you have achieved through your commitment to training and hard work.

Well done and best wishes for every success in the future.

Yours sincerely

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Mr Tommy Thomson
Band Secretary
Peoples Ford Boghall & Bathgate Caledonia Pipeband
Via email: thomasthomson35@btinternet.com

13 October 2022

Dear All

On behalf of West Lothian Council, and the people of West Lothian, we would like to congratulate The People's Ford Boghall & Bathgate Caledonia Pipe Band following their impressive recent competition success during the time which also marks the significant 50th Anniversary year of the band.

We pay a special tribute to retiring drum leader Gordon Brown and his father Tom Brown MBE for their tremendous role in supporting and teaching pipe band drumming over many years. We also recognise the contribution from Peoples Ford who have supported the band and provided invaluable sponsorship to help them achieve their consistent level of excellence.

Please pass on our congratulations to all involved with the band, and our best wishes for continued success in the future.

Yours sincerely

Provost Cathy Muldoon
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Graham Hope
Chief Executive – West Lothian Council



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Reese Lynch
82 Croftfoot Drive
Fauldhouse
West Lothian
EH47 9EH

24 October 2022

Dear Reese

Congratulations – Gold Medal Winner - Commonwealth Games Birmingham 2022

I am writing on behalf of West Lothian Council and the people of West Lothian to congratulate you on winning the Light Welterweight Gold Medal for Boxing in the 2022 Commonwealth Games in Birmingham.

This is a tremendous achievement of which you should feel extremely proud. I'm sure your coaches, team mates and family are also proud and thrilled that your commitment to training and hard work has brought you this level of success.

Well done and best wishes for every success in the future.

Yours sincerely



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Private and Confidential
The Rt Hon Kwasi Kwarteng MP
Chancellor of the Exchequer
kwasi.kwarteng.mp@parliament.uk
(letter sent electronically only)

13 October 2022

Dear Chancellor of the Exchequer,

Cost of Living Crisis

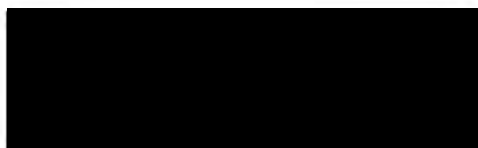
A meeting of West Lothian Council took place on Tuesday 27 September at which the council declared a cost of living emergency.

I am writing on behalf of West Lothian Council to request that the following be delivered:

- An immediate freeze on the current energy price cap at a level of £1,971
- An increase in the Household Support Fund which will result in Barnett consequential for Scotland to be allocated to councils to support those most in need due to spiraling energy, housing, fuel and food costs
- To extend the funding to support businesses and third sector organisations for the same two-year period as households
- Scrapping of policies such as the two-child cap, the benefit cap and the bedroom tax
- Scrapping of VAT on fuel
- Re-introduction of 12.5% VAT rate for leisure and hospitality businesses

I attach the relevant Notice of Motion which sets out the council's position on these matters and I would be grateful to receive a response from you on this matter as soon practicable.

Yours sincerely,



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Rt. Hon. Nicola Sturgeon MSP
First Minister of Scotland
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(letter sent electronically only)

13 October 2022

Dear First Minister,

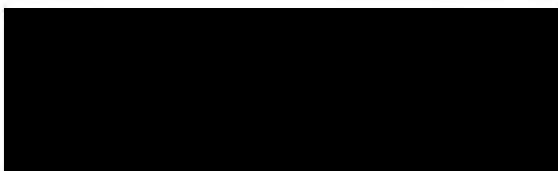
Local Council Pay Awards 2022

A meeting of West Lothian Council took place on Tuesday 27 September at which there was discussion on the funding arrangements for the pay awards for local council employees for 2022-23.

I am writing on behalf of West Lothian Council to call on the Scottish Government to reinstate a proper level of grant funding to councils in order that they can provide quality services and decent pay to their committed staff. I attach the relevant Notice of Amendment which sets out the council's reasoning for this decision.

I would be grateful to receive a response from you on this matter as soon practicable.

Yours sincerely,



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Private and Confidential
The Private Secretary to His Majesty The King
Buckingham Palace
London
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5 October 2022

Dear Sir

Please will you lay my letter before His Majesty The King.

A meeting of West Lothian Council took place on Tuesday 27 September 2022 at which I was asked to write to His Majesty The King to express the Council's deep sorrow at the sad passing of our Monarch Queen Elizabeth II. I have attached a copy of the Notice of Motion, signed by all Political Group Leaders and the Independent Member of West Lothian Council, for your information.

Her Majesty was a much-loved and hugely respected figure in West Lothian, as she was around the world.

We had the privilege of welcoming Her Majesty to West Lothian on numerous occasions during her long reign. Her visits to towns such as Armadale, Bathgate, Livingston, Linlithgow and Whitburn over the years are still remembered fondly by many local residents.

On each occasion, the large crowds she was met with demonstrates the depth of feeling towards Her Majesty from West Lothian residents, as well as the high regard in which she was held.

On behalf of West Lothian Council, I extend our deep sympathy and condolences to His Majesty The King and the Royal Family.

Yours faithfully



Graham Hope
Chief Executive

**Motion for meeting of West Lothian Council
On Tuesday 27 September 2022
H.M. Queen Elizabeth II**

Council expresses its deep sorrow at the sad passing of our Monarch Queen Elizabeth II.

During her long reign of 70 years, our Council was delighted to have welcomed her on her visits to West Lothian, clearly evidenced by the large enthusiasm which greeted her.

Her Majesty enjoyed an enduring popularity as Head of our Nation, easily able to sustain her role as constitutional Monarch of such a wide and diverse UK and also as Head of The Commonwealth.

Dignity, charm, diplomacy and gentle authority were her enduring hallmarks.

Council instructs the Chief Executive to write to her much loved son and heir, King Charles III to express our deepest condolences.



**Councillor Lawrence Fitzpatrick
Leader Labour Group**



**Councillor Damian Doran-Timson
Leader Conservative Group**



**Councillor Stuart Borrowman
Independent**



**Councillor Janet Campbell
Leader SNP Group**



**Councillor Sally Pattle
Scottish Liberal Democrat**

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Private and Confidential
The Rt Hon Suella Braverman KC MP
Secretary of State for the Home Department
public.enquiries@homeoffice.gov.uk
(letter sent electronically only)

13 October 2022

Dear Home Secretary,

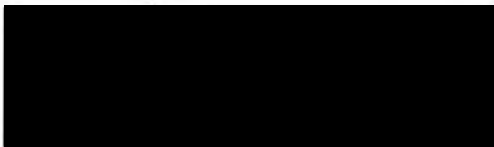
Rwanda Deportation Flights

A meeting of West Lothian Council took place on Tuesday 27 September at which there was discussion regarding the UK Government's recent attempt to export asylum seekers for processing in Rwanda. I have attached a copy of the Notice of Composite Motion for your information.

I am writing on behalf of West Lothian Council to state its strongest objection to the deportation of any refugees to Rwanda. In addition, the council advocates a UK return to the Dublin Asylum System operated by the European Union.

I would be grateful to receive a response from you on this matter as soon practicable.

Yours sincerely,



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Private and Confidential
John Swinney MSP
Deputy First Minister of Scotland
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(letter sent electronically only)

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Dear Mr Swinney,

Cost of Living Crises

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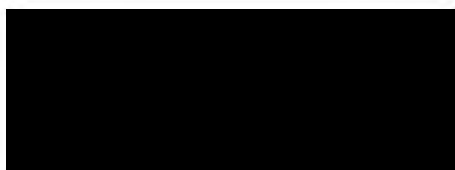
I am writing on behalf of West Lothian Council to request that Scottish Government deliver on this year's Programme for Government commitment by providing the council with the required additional capital and revenue funding in order that the provision of free school meals can be extended to all primary school pupils in P6 and P7 within the current financial year.

In addition to this the council requests that the following are delivered as a priority once the Barnett consequential for Core Funding have been delivered as a result of the Chancellor's statement:

- A significant uplift to the Scottish Welfare Fund and the Discretionary Housing Fund, and to fully fund the associated administrative costs incurred by councils in delivering these
- To increase the funding available to councils for insulation schemes

I attach the relevant Notice of Motion which sets out the council's position on these matters and I would be grateful to receive a response from you on this matter as soon practicable.

Yours sincerely,



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LF System
Conor Larkman & Sean Finnigan
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13 October 2022

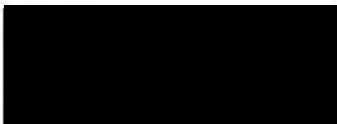
Dear Conor and Sean,

Letter of Congratulations – LF System

A meeting of West Lothian Council took place on Tuesday 27 September at which your significant recent achievements were noted. I have enclosed a copy of the relevant motion for your information.

I am writing to congratulate you on an impressive eight weeks at the top of the UK Official Charts with 'Afraid to Feel', which I understand is the longest running dance track at number one in a decade. It is great to see your talents being recognised at this national level.

With best wishes for the future of LF System,



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West Lothian Schools Pipe Band
Pipe Major Graham Drummond
C/o Steven.Gray@westlothian.gov.uk
(letter sent electronically only)

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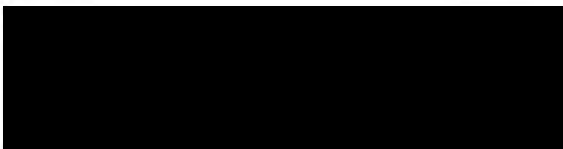
Dear all,

Letter of Congratulations – West Lothian Schools Pipe Band

A meeting of West Lothian Council took place on Tuesday 27 September at which your recent achievements were noted. I have enclosed a copy of the relevant motion for your information.

I am writing to congratulate you on a superb second place finish in the Novice Junior A grade at the recent World Pipe Band Championships in Glasgow. I understand this performance rounded off a very successful season for the band, having performed at Gourrock Highland Games, The British Championships and North Berwick Highland Games.

With best wishes for the future of the band,



Graham Hope
Chief Executive