Dear Kate,

Thank you for writing to me regarding our vision for the public services provided by Aberdeenshire Council.

Instead of answering each question individually, can I refer you to our manifesto which can be found at <u>www.movingaberdeenshireforward.info</u>

Our manifesto lays out our priorities should we be the administration in Aberdeenshire post election including our commitment of a living wage for employees and I can confirm that I will continue to support constituents from all walks of life. We do value the contribution made to our children's education and in Feb 2010 during the budget process, we opposed the administrations accelerated cuts to classroom assistants.

I hope you find this useful.

Regards

Joanna Strathdee