Kate, I must apologise for this late response to UNISON's letter-Raymond Christie reminded me yesterday at Stonehaven. Candidates receive large amounts of mail during a campaign and I unfortunately forgot.

This is from my wife, Banchory candidate, also, as I don't think she sent a reply. I will refer you to www.movingaberdeenshireforward.info for our local manifesto and also to the national manifesto.

I am strongly in favour of a Living Wage of £7.20 per hour for council staff and the policy of no compulsory redundancies for these staff.

Hope this helps, Graeme Clark, candidate for Stonehaven and Lower Deeside.