

Dear Kate,

In answer to your questions:

1) The greens have always seen good quality, publicly run services as essential in building a caring society. We would oppose the privatisation of services, work with trade unions to oppose cuts, ensure council buildings are refurbished and maintained to energy efficient standards and bring in new income from generating our own renewable energy.

2) Yes, the Scottish green Party is not financially backed by companies that will benefit from the privatisation of public services and we have a long history of support for public services at every level.

3) We would work with council staff on prioritising care and would support organisations such as CAB, that provide help for people in need. Extra income from generating our own renewable energy would be utilised to provide services.

4) Firstly, privatisation of care services should be halted and the voluntary sector supported far more than it is. We would ensure that procurement of any care services is comprehensive, value for money and of high quality. We also believe those requiring services including the carers should be consulted on the provisions.

5) Yes, it's in our manifesto.

6) Yes we oppose any cuts to classroom assistants. Education is a high priority, children learn most quickly and absorb the most information during the earlier primary class years, this is the future we are talking about.

7) We would work with council staff to ensure that those most effected by welfare reforms receive the most support and advice on all benefits available, ensuring that they do not end up in fuel poverty, and that child poverty does not increase in our council area as a result.

8) No, those who can pay more, should.

9) Definitely, our manifesto has targets for local governments role in reducing green house gases.

Kind regards,

Matt Wickham.

