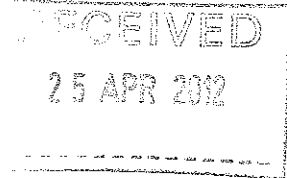


M/s Kate Ramsden,  
Branch Chair,  
Aberdeenshire Unison.  
22<sup>nd</sup> April 2012.



Dear M/s Ramsden,

Thank you for your letter of 18<sup>th</sup> April to which I am happy to respond.

1. I would appeal to our MSP Stewart Stevenson and also Colin McKenzie, Director of Aberdeenshire Council, whom I know well, and request that public services be protected, and indeed improved despite the current economic climate.

2. Yes, I would oppose any proposals for privatisation of key council services.

3. I would give priority to the most vulnerable particularly care of children and the elderly and fight for improved support for carers, particularly relatives of dementia sufferers, and also for 24 hour warden cover in care homes.

Since funding for Aberdeenshire Council comes from Holyrood, I would again lobby our M.S.P. and first Minister Alex Salmond for the north-east to ensure an adequate amount of personalised payments for elderly or disabled people.

Yes I do believe that everyone delivering public services, council staff, and those working for contractors should be paid the Living Wage.

Yes definitely. I know from personal experience of my son who is a teacher in Glasgow in a special needs school of the contribution made in education by classroom assistants, and the extra pressure my son experienced when because of cut-backs his classroom assistant was removed. Therefore I would certainly support them in opposing cut-backs.

7 I would visit the families affected by the UK government's Welfare Reforms, and appeal on their behalf in person, and by letter to the highest level, and seek redress for the injustice of this legislation.

8/ No, I do not think it fair that council staff should have their pay frozen, while inflation is high, and the rich getting richer. I believe the rich ie those earning £50,000 plus per annum should be taxed higher to pay council staff the pay increase they need to keep pace with inflation.

9 Yes I will support the council negotiating a Green Workplace agreement with trade unions to help meet climate change targets. It is in the Scottish Christian Party's Manifesto.

I would be grateful of the support for the Scottish Christian Party in the coming election on May 3<sup>rd</sup> to enable me to strive to implement these aims.

Yours sincerely,  
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