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11 December 2007

Dear Anne

Thank you for your letter of 21 November 2007 regarding the pilot pre-school provision for vulnerable 2 year olds.

I understand that you are now aware that funding is available for the project until the end of the academic year 2007/08. It might be helpful if I reiterate the current position on Scottish Government funding for this project.

£167,000 was claimed in the financial year 2006/07 and £66,531 in June 2007. The remaining funding to be claimed for the project is as follows:

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| December 2007 | £99,469 |
| March 2008 | £84,000 |
| June 2008 | £83,000 |

The increased amount allocated to December reflects the variation to the June 2007 claim which was lower than originally projected. The total amount of grant for the project remains £500,000, as originally agreed.

If this does not correspond to your understanding of the funding position I would be grateful if you could contact Susan Neilands on 0131 244 7608.

Your letter asked about future funding of the project. You will be aware that under the new local government finance settlement Scottish Government funding streams will be reduced and it will be for local authorities to decide priorities within their overall settlement.

I hope this clarifies the position.

Yours sincerely

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Dear Mr McGillivray

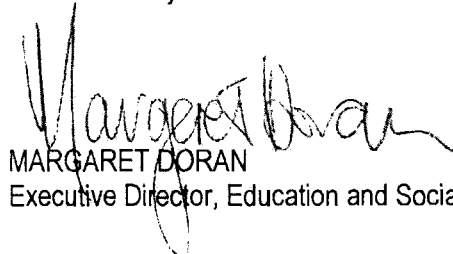
PILOT PROVISION FOR VULNERABLE TWO YEAR OLDS

I refer to your letter of 20 February 2008 in relation to the above.

It is disheartening that Scottish Government has decided not to allocate continuation funding for the Pilot Provision for Vulnerable Two Year Olds. I can however advise that Glasgow City Council, Education Services, view the provision as a valuable resource and is currently investigating scope within the funding allocated within the new local government finance settlement to ensure the continuation of the provision.

It is also unfortunate that the underspend of £201k, awarded in 2006/07, cannot be allocated towards the costs of continuing the provision. As you were advised, it was not possible to progress the Vulnerable 2s project within the initial period due to implications of the Workforce Pay & Benefits Review, carried out by Glasgow City Council, as some of the staff duties involved impact on placement on an increased salary scale and associated Job Family for staff working on this initiative. Therefore we were unable to access the £201k identified by Scottish Government for the programme at that time, nor were we allowed to allocate it to a later period, due to Scottish Government's own budgetary constraints. It would therefore be appreciated, as stated in your letter, that should additional resources become available then the situation be reconsidered.

Yours sincerely


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20 February 2008

Dear Margaret

PILOT PROVISION FOR VULNERABLE TWO YEAR OLDS

As you know we are nearing the end of the pilot of pre-school provision for vulnerable two year olds. I am writing now to formally confirm that the Scottish Government will not provide any further funding for the pilots after March 2008 when the final payment to Glasgow City Council is due.

You will be aware that that the new local government finance settlement gives local authorities additional scope for setting budgets in line with local priorities. Any funding for the two year old provision will need to be found from within the settlement.

You may be aware that there was an underspend of £201k in 2006/07 against the agreed grant payment. It is now unlikely that we will be able to make up that amount through an addition to the 2007/08 grant. If, however, additional resources become available between now and the end of the financial year we will reconsider this position.

Yours sincerely

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21 February 2008

Dear Carol

PILOT PROVISION FOR VULNERABLE TWO YEAR OLDS

As you know we are nearing the end of the pilot of pre-school provision for vulnerable two year olds. I am writing now to formally confirm that the Scottish Government will not provide any further funding for the pilots after June 2008 when the final payment to North Ayrshire Council is due.

You will be aware that that the new local government finance settlement gives local authorities additional scope for setting budgets in line with local priorities. A final payment of £83,000 will be made in June 2008, outwith the settlement, in line with the arrangements set out in my letter of 7 December 2006 to John Travers. Any future funding for the two year old provision will need to be found from within the settlement.

Yours sincerely

Don McGillivray

