

## QUESTION NO 8

**By Councillor Kumar for answer by  
the Convener of the Education,  
Children and Families Committee at a  
meeting of the Council on 28  
September 2023**

On the full council meeting of the 31st August 2023 your motion on ASN support was passed with an amendment which said:

Agrees:

This is a vital service and makes a commitment to continue to provide this ASN support, both as one to one provision for individual children, and through capacity building for after school clubs and childcare providers for this financial year at the financial level provided in previous financial years.

On the 5th September 2023 the Council wrote to a parent who's child had been a recipient of one-to-one support which said:

The support is provided directly to out of school care providers each academic year and for the full year. The support is designed to be advice and guidance to up-skill staff to support children with additional support needs. It is the duty of the provider to meet those needs, or to be in contravention of the Disability Discrimination Act.

The motion also stated:

5. All existing support arrangements will be honoured within the existing budget.
6. That the scheme will continue to be open to new applicants within existing budget.

The email to the parent goes on to say:

The council has no locus on the individual contracts between parents and providers to provide out of school care. If parents find that they have been refused provision due to additional support needs, they should contact the officer who will record the concern and provide the details of the relevant link officer for the service they are complaining about.

**Question**

Given that the administration position is that this service was simply being in-housed, and that the amended motion that was agreed at full council stated the provision should continue as it had previously been provided, does the convener:

- a) Agree with the what the Council has set out as the position to parents?
- b) Believe that this is an accurate reflection of what was agreed at full council?
- c) Have any concerns about governance and the implementation of democratic decision making?
- d) Can she give assurances that one to one support will be reinstated, as agreed by this council?
- e) Can she give a timeframe for when that will be in place?
- f) Can she confirm that payments will be made directly to providers in order to facilitate this?

**Answer**