

QUESTION NO 23

By Councillor Kumar for answer by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee at a meeting of the Council on 8 February 2024

Councillors have now been informed the removal of all Education Welfare Officers (EWOs) has been reversed. This is after a sustained campaign by SNP councillors, trade unions and others and Labour voting with Conservative and Liberal Democrat Councillors consistently over the last 11 months to proceed with the removal of this vital service.

Elected members have been informed that funding to reverse the cut to EWOs will come out of the PEF funding or existing DSM budget which will mean more cuts to education not approved by Councillors.

- Question** **(1)** Why was the consultation not carried out or an impact assessment not completed before proposals to cut this vital service and that the reversal of these cuts will not simply be taken from other parts of school or education budgets?
- Answer** **(1)**
- Question** **(2)** Can the Convener confirm where this funding is coming from?
- Answer** **(2)**