

PE1470/Q

Dundee City Council Letter of 5 June 2013

Dear Mr Todd

PETITION PE1470: ESTABLISHMENT OF A YOUNG CARER'S GRANT

Thank you for your emailed letter of 21st May 2013 seeking a response to the Petition from the Scottish Young Carers Services Alliance

Dundee City Council are very much in agreement with the thoughts expressed by the Scottish Young Carers Services Alliance in their Petition urging the Scottish Government to establish a Young Carers Grant for carers in full-time education or who are under the age of 18.

Dundee City Council is fully supportive of the aims of this Petition and believes that every Young Carer should be enabled to participate in educational and employment opportunities.

By making opportunities available we in Dundee believe that we will better address disadvantage, create an 'even playing field' and help young carers to balance educational, employability and caring responsibilities.

Our approach is very much in line with that of the Scottish Government and COSLA Getting It Right For Young Carers which has at its centre the need to identify and support Young Carers.

We work very closely with the Young Carers Partnership in the city and actively encourage and support them to help shape our Young Carers policies and practice across Dundee.

Regards

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