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North Lanarkshire Council Letter of 26 September 2016

Thank you for your letter dated 19th September 2016, to the Chief Executive of North Lanarkshire Council, Mr Paul Jukes which was passed to me to respond.

On behalf of North Lanarkshire Council, Education Skills and Youth Employment, I would be happy to support the three recommendations contained in the petition.

Our current practice is in line with the proposals. All head teachers in our 23 secondary schools and the staff, work closely with a range of employees to develop long-term partnerships. These include the armed forces.

For many years our schools have provided opportunities to young people to engage with employers through career events in schools or as arranged by North Lanarkshire Council, in partnership with our Employability Team and Skills Development Scotland.

We also have a long-standing relationship with Skillforce who continue to work in a number of our schools. They are in an excellent position to provide us with an appropriate support regarding our relationships with the armed forces.

Any other armed forces activities, not directly related to employment, are subject to normal risk assessments procedures.

Head Teachers who are in doubt about any aspect of engaging with the armed forces or indeed, any other external partners, are encouraged to seek advice from senior officers in Education HQ.

I trust this information is of use to you but would be happy to provide any further clarification, should it be necessary.

Yours sincerely

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