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Argyll and Bute Council Letter of 6 October 2016

Thank you for your letter dated 19th September 2016 to Cleland Sneddon, Chief Executive regarding the above. I trust the following answers your questions.

1. Guidance is provided on how visits to schools by the armed forces should be conducted so that information presented to children takes account of the unique nature of armed forces careers, ensures political balance, and offers a realistic representation of the role of the armed forces and what a career in the armed forces involves.

As with all visits to our schools Head Teachers/staff liaise with the visitors to ensure the purpose of the visit is clear and agreed and supports the ongoing learning of the pupils.

2. Information is collected to enable public monitoring of the number and location of visits, the purpose and content of visits, and comparison with the number of visits by other employers.

We do not see a value in gathering such information on visits to support ongoing learning planned by schools.

3. Parents/guardians are consulted as to whether they are happy for their child to take part in armed forces activities at school.

As with all visits to schools parents will be made aware of the visit and can discuss and concerns or raise any questions they may have directly with the school.

If I can be of further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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