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Dear Ms Millar,

Thank you for your email of 27 November to the Secretary of State about a motion passed by Glasgow City Council calling for urgent reform of the energy pricing system. I am responding as this matter falls under my Ministerial portfolio.

The motion passed by the Glasgow City Council touched on three areas: energy price reform, ending energy poverty and just access to clean energy.

We are strongly committed to the reform of wholesale electricity pricing. Delivering lower bills and a secure energy supply for working families and businesses is at the heart of the Government's sprint towards home-grown clean energy. The quicker we transition to renewables, the quicker we can build a system that will bring bills down for good. The Reformed National Pricing programme announced in July 2025 will drive this sprint to homegrown clean energy by delivering the necessary market reforms.

Regarding putting an end to energy poverty, we have already taken concrete actions to end fuel poverty. Thanks to the actions in the recent Budget every household will see an average of £150 off their energy bills from April 2026. We have also extended the Warm Home Discount scheme to six million of the poorest households, they will save an additional £150.

We recognise there is much more to do. However the right path to reduce bills for good, tackle the climate crisis and maintain our energy security is to move to clean power as quickly as possible.

The motion references the Scottish Government investment in community energy. The fund mentioned includes investment by Great British Energy which directly funded the Scottish Government scheme and which was increased just a week ago by an additional £5.5m. 23 new projects will be taken forward as a result of this funding, partially backed by both the new funding and Scottish Government investment. Together they will be 71 community projects across Scotland this year – from a community solar farm on the Isle of Arran to wind farms in Aberdeenshire. Emmaus Glasgow and Glasgow East End Community Carers Ltd received funding within the Glasgow City Council area.

Finally, thank you for bringing to our attention the outstanding community work of Cathy McCormack and the launch of the Cathy McCormack Community Activism Fund. Cathy contributed a great deal to improving understanding of the impact of sub-standard housing and her book "The Wee Yellow Butterfly" is one I have now read several times. The Fund will I am sure do great things in her memory.

I am grateful to the Council for raising this motion with my Department.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Shanks". A horizontal line is drawn underneath the signature.

MICHAEL SHANKS MP
Minister of State for Energy