



Item 5 (a)

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Dear Susanne,

Thank you for your letter of 26 May and for sharing the motion agreed by Glasgow City Council. As Glasgow's Members of Parliament, we want to begin by congratulating those who were elected to serve as MSPs, and to thank those who have stepped down or concluded their service. Public life, at all levels, carries responsibility and commitment, and it is right that this is recognised. We look forward to working collaboratively with colleagues across local government, the Scottish Parliament and the UK Parliament, on a cross-party basis, in the shared interests of Glasgow and the people we represent.

We have carefully considered the Council's reflections on the election results. We also recognise that the proportion of those in Glasgow who supported pro-independence parties is broadly consistent with the proportion that voted for independence in the 2014 referendum, in which Scotland decisively chose to remain part of the United Kingdom. We also note that every constituency in Glasgow elected a Scottish Labour MP at the last UK General Election, all of whom stood on a manifesto that made clear their opposition to a further divisive referendum.

For our part, Glasgow's MPs remain firmly focused on delivering for the city - on improving living standards, supporting jobs and investment, and addressing the challenges our communities face rather than revisiting constitutional questions that risk further division.

We do, however, share the Council's concern at the reduction in voter turnout. A healthy democracy depends on active participation, and it is clear that more must be done to engage people in the democratic process. This is not the responsibility of any single party or institution; it requires a collective effort across all parties and all levels of government to rebuild trust, increase participation, and ensure people feel their voices are heard and valued.

We also agree on the scale and complexity of the challenges facing Glasgow. The city has enormous strengths and potential, but too often these are not fully realised. In particular, we are concerned that the Scottish Government has not always recognised or supported the full potential of the Glasgow City Region. There is a growing sense that power and decision-making remain too concentrated in Edinburgh, rather than being devolved and entrusted to local communities and city regions best placed to drive growth and regeneration. Empowering Glasgow locally must be at the heart of future progress.



At the same time, it is important to recognise the positive action already being taken by the UK Labour Government to support Glasgow and its wider region. The replacement of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund with a reformed package of Local Growth and Pride in Place funding will see investment in the Glasgow City Region increase to around £93.8 million over the three-year period from 2026–27 to 2028–29, compared with approximately £83.1 million over the preceding three years. Alongside this, the UK Government is making substantial additional investments, including over £523 million through the City Deal and £160 million for the Investment Zone.

Taken together, this represents a significant package of support for Glasgow - backing economic growth, creating jobs, and enabling the long-term renewal of communities across the city and wider region. It is also important to recognise the wider context in which this investment is being delivered. For Glasgow City Council, sustained reductions in core funding from the Scottish Government, amounting to around £1.5 billion since 2013, have placed significant and ongoing pressure on local services.

As Glasgow's MPs, we will continue to make the case for our city at every opportunity to secure the support Glasgow needs and deserves. Through that work, alongside colleagues across Scotland, the UK Government has delivered the largest real-terms spending settlement in the history of devolution - now increased to £50 billion. With that level of investment, people across Scotland rightly expect to see tangible improvements in public services, from reducing NHS waiting times and improving educational attainment to increasing community policing and delivering more housing. We will continue to press for this funding to be used to its full potential to deliver for communities in Glasgow, while advocating for sustained investment, fair funding settlements, and a stronger role for our city within national decision-making.

Glasgow is a city of resilience, innovation and ambition. By working constructively together, with a shared focus on delivery rather than division, we can ensure that it continues to thrive and that all of its communities benefit from future growth.

Yours,

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Patricia Ferguson MP
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