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Additional information:

Two letters to the Justice Secretary in fulfilment of decisions made at Council on 25 June 2013:

1. Haddington Court Closure.
2. Review of Arrests and Convictions Made During the 1984-5 Miners' Strike.

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Dear Cabinet Secretary

HADDINGTON COURT CLOSURE

On behalf of East Lothian Council, I am writing to you in accordance with a motion agreed by Council at its meeting on Tuesday 25 June 2013:

“East Lothian Council expresses its deep disappointment at the Justice Minister’s complete disregard for the clear and substantial evidence submitted by many individuals and organisations against the closure of Haddington Court.

Council notes this important decision should have been debated in Parliament and every Member should have had the opportunity to vote on the issue.

Council agrees to write to the Justice Minister and demand that he reconsiders this decision before they remove our provision of local and accessible justice for East Lothian’s people and Communities.”

I look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Yours sincerely



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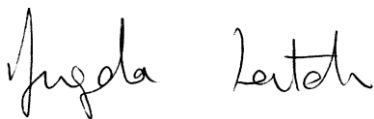
REVIEW OF ARRESTS AND CONVICTIONS MADE DURING THE 1984-85 MINERS' STRIKE

On behalf of East Lothian Council, I am writing to you in accordance with a motion agreed by Council at its meeting on Tuesday 25 June 2013:

- “1) Council notes the widespread concerns expressed about the safety of arrests and convictions made during the 1984-85 miners’ strike, including those of several East Lothian residents and the strong suspicion that miscarriages of justice took place at that time.
- 2) Council believes that a significant amount of evidence has now emerged to support the campaign for a review of arrests and convictions made in Scotland.
- 3) Council notes the disappointment of many former miners in East Lothian’s coalfield communities at the Scottish Government’s refusal to order such a review and expresses its concern about the Justice Secretary’s failure to act on this issue.
- 4) Council agrees:
 - (a) to continue to support the campaign for a full and independent review of all cases of miners arrested and convicted in Scotland during the strike;
 - (b) to write to the Cabinet Secretary for Justice to reiterate the Council’s support for the campaign and urge him to rethink his position on the issue.”

I look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Yours sincerely



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