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Dear Convener,

**PE1933: Allow the Fornethy Survivors to access Scotland's Redress Scheme**

Further to my letter dated 17 December 2025 and our meeting on 8 January 2026, I write to provide you with an update.

As I set out in my previous letter, I wrote to Susan Aitken, leader of Glasgow City Council on 24 November 2025 to invite her to meet with the survivors. I have now received a response from Ms Aitken who has declined to meet with the survivors directly due to ongoing litigation. However, she has advised that the Chief Executive intends to apologise for abuse which took place at Fornethy House when she appears to give evidence to the Scottish Child Abuse Inquiry in May. An apology was made on behalf of Glasgow City Council in their opening statement for Phase 10 of the inquiry and I understand this will be reiterated in their closing statement.

I hope that you find this update to be helpful.

Yours sincerely,

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