Petitioner submission of 24 March 2023 PE1946/F: To call on the Scottish Government to pay all charges for homeless temporary accommodation

As of 1st March 2023, 6,634 homeless people are living in temporary accommodation in Glasgow with 2,778 of them being children often living in unsuitable temporary accommodation with those not qualifying for housing benefit having to pay £169 per week for a temporary furnished flat in Glasgow and for those living in hostels having to pay £382 per week to Glasgow City Council commencing on 3rd April 2023. Glasgow City Council are currently chasing the homeless for debt to the value of £4 million through the courts.

The above reinforces the validity of Petition 1946 and with a change in First Minister about to take place I believe the committee should reconsider re-submitting this petition to the Scottish Government to write off the £33.3 million debt of homeless people in temporary accommodation in Scotland and to pay the current charges of homeless people in temporary accommodation in Scotland as the numbers are rising because of the cost of living crisis. People need help now not more platitudes from Scottish Government politicians.