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Dear Ms O'Donnell,

Local Government and Communities Committee: Individuals who have No Recourse to Public Funds

The Local Government and Communities Committee's attention has again been drawn to the vulnerability of asylum seekers and those with insecure immigration status following recent tragic events in Scotland.

I am writing to request information on the support and assistance provided by Glasgow City Council to individuals who have insecure immigration status, and due to a change in circumstance, have No Recourse to Public Funds.

The Committee is concerned at the plight of people with NRPF and the gaps that those seeking to help them in local authorities and the third sector have found in the system.

As you are aware our colleagues on the Equalities and Human Rights Committee have conducted extensive work on this issue with their 2017 inquiry [Hidden Lives – New Beginnings: Destitution, asylum and insecure immigration status in Scotland](#) and the follow up evidence session they held in [June 2018](#). We wish to build on the work conducted by the Equalities Committee by requesting this update from you.

We ask specifically:

- Do you know how many residents in your local authority have NRPF?
- In general terms how do you support people with NRPF, what powers do you have to do so? What are the practical barriers to helping?

- In what ways has the council provided support to people with NRPF during the pandemic, in terms of housing, financial support and food?

I have also written to a range of other stakeholders including the UK and Scottish Governments and Cosla for views on this important issue. All correspondence will be published on our webpages.

It would assist our consideration of the issue of NRPF if a response to this letter could be provided by Friday 9 October, after which we will consider all responses we have received on this matter.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'James Dornan', written in a cursive style.

James Dornan
Convener
Local Government and Communities Committee