

ECONOMY, ENERGY AND FAIR WORK COMMITTEE

COVID-19 – impact on Scotland’s businesses, workers and economy

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We are looking for some clarity regarding Local Authorities making Contract Payments to suppliers. We are a small family run coach operator who due to the school closures now have 20 of our vehicles parked up and our staff not able to work. We do work for various Local Authorities and it would seem the majority are forthcoming with long term plans (until end of June 2020) to support operators and ensure payments for school contracts are paid at 100% of the daily rate. This is welcomed by operators as during the Covid-19 pandemic we still have to retain specialist vehicles and trained staff.

Please can you advise why all Local Authorities are not taking the same action as this money is already in the budget for school contracts and as it clearly states in points 4 & 5 of the SPPN5-2020 this should be what Local Authorities are doing?

I have listed a few examples from Local Authorities below:

Falkirk Council – 100% of Daily Rate until June 2020

Aberdeen – 100% of Daily Rate until June 2020

Borders – 100% of Daily Rate until June 2020

Perth & Kinross – 100% of Daily Rate until June 2020

H & I – 100% of Daily Rate until June 2020

Dumbartonshire– 100% of Daily Rate until June 2020

East Renfrewshire– 100% of Daily Rate until June 2020

Ayrshire – 100% of Daily Rate until June 2020

Fife – 100% of Daily Rate until June 2020

West Lothian Council – 75% of daily rate for last two days in March and no long-term decision

South Lanarkshire Council – 25% of daily rate for last seven working days in March and no long term decision

Surely it should be the Local Authorities priority to support operators during this pandemic for us all to resume contracts at the end of this.

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