

**Item 11 - Question Time**

Response to Mr A Mackinnon

Delivery plans are in place for the actions agreed for learning and teaching as part of the 2015/16 budget. The Council has also committed to maintaining overall teacher numbers at last year's level, and the additional Scottish Government funding will greatly assist with that.

The vast majority of Council's have done likewise – not to do so, would have raised the risk of greater financial challenges. While there are some factors outwith the Council's control, such as changes in school rolls and our ability to recruit, we shall continue to monitor the position in the coming months. In the meantime, there is no budget gap.