

(ix) Mr S Mackie

To the Leader of the Council

“During a motion on ‘Nuclear Free Highlands’, this Council re-affirmed its’ support for the Caithness and North Sutherland nuclear sector. Council agreed:

- **To make representations to the Scottish Government to withdraw their outright opposition to new nuclear development.**
- **To make those in the nuclear supply chain aware that the Highlands have the skills, public support and proactive partnerships to embrace the next generation of nuclear energy.**
- **Publicly state the Local Authorities willingness to support the future of the sector.**

In response to a question on this matter at a subsequent Full Council meeting, you responded that “no such activity has been undertaken”.

Will you commit to honouring the successful motion by making representations on behalf of the Highland Council to nuclear sector supply chain and the Scottish Government before the end of this Parliamentary Session?”

I would apologise that this matter was not fully addressed at the time, I can confirm that I have now written to the Scottish Government and I am happy to discuss with you and the Leader of the Caithness County Committee how to take this forward with pace following today’s meeting.