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New EDMs

748 **Sustainable Communities**

Tabled: 7/12/21 Signatories: 1

Mr Barry Sheerman

That this House notes the importance of sustainability in community growth and development; further notes the aid of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals in providing concrete measurements and targets for efforts aimed at improving sustainability at a local level; recognises the positive impact that grassroots sustainability initiatives, like Sustainable Huddersfield, have on their local communities; calls on the Government to champion similar local sustainability initiatives in 500 towns, cities and communities across the country as a mechanism of implementing the COP26 Glasgow Agreement at a grassroots level; and further notes the need for such initiatives to bring about positive change in the broader areas of environmental, economic and social sustainability.

Added Names

Below are EDMs tabled in the last two weeks to which names have been added. Only the first 6 names and any new names are included.

693 Barclays bank branch closure in Caernarfon

Tabled: 25/11/21 Signatories: 6

Hywel Williams
 Ben Lake
 Liz Saville Roberts
 John McDonnell
 Chris Stephens
 Jim Shannon

That this House regrets the decision of Barclays to announce further high street closures, including Porthmadog and Caernarfon branches; recognises that communities and charities rely on high street banks and that 30 per cent of people in Wales want to be able to access a bank branch regularly; notes that 7.5 per cent of people in rural Wales are more than 16 kilometres from their closest bank; welcomes the Welsh Government's announcement to establish a Community Bank of Wales and Banc Cambria's intention to open high street branches in Wales, and calls on the UK Government to support the establishment of these banks.

699 Turnbull High School Learning For Sustainability Community Award

Tabled: 29/11/21 Signatories: 8

Amy Callaghan
 Jim Shannon
 Chris Stephens
 Margaret Ferrier
 Allan Dorans
 Marion Fellows

John Nicolson

That this House congratulates Turnbull High School on winning the Learning For Sustainability Community Award presented by Education Scotland; understands this award recognises the achievements of schools which enable learners, educators, and wider communities to build a socially-just, sustainable and equitable society in the face of the climate emergency; notes Turnbull High School's efforts in creating an effective approach to learning for sustainability which encourages sustainable development education and creates rewarding learning experiences; thanks Turnbull High School and its pupils for setting such a positive example for schools and the wider community across East Dunbartonshire; and looks forward to seeing what more they will achieve in the collective fight against climate change.

700 BetterBriggs outstanding It's Your Neighbourhood report rating

Tabled: 29/11/21 Signatories: 8

Amy Callaghan
 Jim Shannon
 Chris Stephens
 Margaret Ferrier
 Allan Dorans
 Marion Fellows

John Nicolson

That this House congratulates local East Dunbartonshire charity, BetterBriggs, on achieving an outstanding rating in the It's Your Neighbourhood writeup from the Keep Scotland Beautiful charity; understands BetterBriggs is a local community group consisting of residents who carry out community activities and events to make Bishopbriggs a happier and healthier place to live; notes

that the group carry out a number of community projects and are working in partnership with local stakeholders to ensure everyone is involved in the regeneration of the town centre; recognises that their efforts in the community and promoting environmental responsibility contributed to their level 5 score in the It's Your Neighbourhood writeup; thanks BetterBriggs for all the work they have done over the past year; and looks forward to seeing what more they will achieve for the community.

701 **Girvan and District Great War Project and Wildflower Memorial Garden**

Tabled: 29/11/21 Signatories: 7

Allan Dorans
Jim Shannon
Chris Stephens
Margaret Ferrier
Marion Fellows
Chris Law

John Nicolson

That this House recognises and congratulates Lorna and Ritchie Conaghan of the Girvan and District Great War Project established in 2013, which has researched, identified and recorded details of at least 600 servicemen from the local area who lost their lives during World War One and subsequent conflicts including a number who have previously not been commemorated on local war memorials, and those local men who lost their lives in the armed service of Commonwealth countries, including Australia and Canada; and further congratulates them on the creation and planting of the Wildflower Memorial Garden located at Hamilton Park in Girvan earlier this year, to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Poppy, which has been chosen by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission Foundation as the winners of this year's prestigious national Best In Bloom Wildflower Competition from a great number of entries across the United Kingdom.

702 **Retirement of Alastair MacGregor, Chief Executive of Argyll Community Housing Association (ACHA)**

Tabled: 29/11/21 Signatories: 8

Brendan O'Hara
Jim Shannon
David Linden
Chris Stephens
Allan Dorans
Marion Fellows

John Nicolson

That this House conveys its most sincere thanks to Alastair MacGregor on his retirement following thirty one years of working in public sector housing, particularly his last seventeen years in which he served as Chief Executive of Argyll Community Housing Association (ACHA); acknowledges the enormous contribution Alastair has made throughout his career to the community-based housing movement in Argyll and across Scotland as a whole, particularly in respect of community and tenancy empowerment; hugely appreciates the close working relationship that Alastair and his team at ACHA have nurtured over the years with all of Argyll & Bute's elected members to help improve the lives of thousands of families throughout Argyll & Bute; and wishes Alastair many peaceful, relaxing and happy year tending his croft, or whatever he chooses to do.

704 Scottish Comic Book Day 27 November 2021

Tabled: 29/11/21 Signatories: 10

Richard Thomson
 Jim Shannon
 Douglas Chapman
 Dave Doogan
 Chris Stephens
 Allan Dorans

John Nicolson

This House notes that Scottish Comic Book Day was marked on 27 November 2021 celebrating comics, comic artwork and related media with a link to Scotland; understands that people from Scotland continue to be involved in the comic and graphic novel industry, including the film and televisual adaptations of those genres that are made by independent film producers and studios, such as Marvel Studios, DC Studios, Disney and Netflix; believes that the master of design course on Comics and Graphic novels that is offered by the University of Dundee is the only one of its type in the world; recognises this year is the 70th anniversary of the character, Dennis the Menace, in The Beano, which is the UK's longest running comic; acknowledges the importance of the creative sector to Scotland's economy and the contribution of comics and graphic novels towards that; and congratulates #scottishcomicbookday and its organisers on a successful inaugural event.

711 Launch of I Am Me's Keep Safe Kids app

Tabled: 30/11/21 Signatories: 10

Gavin Newlands
 Jonathan Edwards
 Allan Dorans
 Marion Fellows
 Jim Shannon
 John McDonnell

John Nicolson

That this House welcomes the launch of the Keep Safe Kids app by the I Am Me charity; acknowledges that the app allows young people to report school bullying safely and anonymously and provides a range of information and support for young people; commends the work done by I Am Me since its launch in 2013 in challenging attitudes and behaviours so that disabled and vulnerable people can feel safe within their communities; congratulates the charity on its two wins at the recent ROCCO awards organised by Renfrewshire Chamber of Commerce, the Community Champion Award and Renfrewshire's Favourite Business; and congratulates all the staff, volunteers and board members at I Am Me on their work over recent years.

712 Renfrewshire Chamber of Commerce ROCCO awards 2021

Tabled: 30/11/21 Signatories: 6

Gavin Newlands
 Allan Dorans
 Marion Fellows
 Jim Shannon
 Chris Law
 John Nicolson

That this House congratulates Renfrewshire Chamber of Commerce on the ROCCO awards in 2021 celebrating businesses and organisations across Renfrewshire; notes the unprecedented

challenges faced by businesses in Renfrewshire and elsewhere over the last 20 months during the covid-19 pandemic; applauds the support given by Renfrewshire Chamber of Commerce and other local agencies to businesses over that period and for the future; congratulates the 14 companies, organisations and individuals who were successful in their respective categories; welcomes the fundraising at ROCCO events which has resulted in over £100,000 raised for local charities and organisations over the years, and looks forward to future ROCCO awards celebrating the best of Renfrewshire business in the years ahead.

713 Closure of TSB branch in Angus

Tabled: 30/11/21 Signatories: 7

Dave Doogan
Allan Dorans
Marion Fellows
Jim Shannon
Alison Thewliss
Chris Law

John Nicolson

That this House regrets the announcement by TSB that it intends to close its Forfar Branch and in so doing completely removes the TSB name from the county of Angus after previously closing Kirriemuir, Brechin, Montrose, Arbroath & Carnoustie TSB branches; notes that this once great banking institution has served communities across Scotland for generations, upholds the need to appropriately support approximately 20 per cent of customers who still require access to traditional physical banking services; highlights that the retention of the Forfar TSB branch was set out by TSB as a rationale and justification for closing the previous surrounding branches in Angus; and calls on the Bank to urgently reconsider this proposal and instead maintain its branch in Forfar in the interests of fairness and financial equity to its customers in Angus.

716 Universal Credit reduction

Tabled: 30/11/21 Signatories: 33

Grahame Morris
Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Beth Winter
Ian Byrne
Navendu Mishra
Kate Osborne

Jon Trickett

Claudia Webbe

Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck

That this House deplores the Government's punitive decision to remove the £20 per week Universal Credit uplift, which the Joseph Rowntree Foundation estimates leaves around 5.5 million families worse off by £1,040 per year and will push a further half a million people over the poverty line; deeply regrets that people have been plunged into greater financial jeopardy and, with energy prices surging, now face the Dickensian prospect of going either cold or hungry this Winter; shares the concern of the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health that the cut to Universal Credit will increase the number of children who will be disadvantaged in terms of physical and mental health, safety, and wellbeing, and will deepen structural social and health inequalities; and therefore supports Unite Community's call for the Government to reverse its cruel and callous policy by reinstating the uplift and extending it to cover those on legacy benefits in order to relieve financial anxiety, food poverty and energy insecurity.

717 Centenary of Geiriadur Prifysgol Cymru

Tabled: 30/11/21 Signatories: 7

Ben Lake
Jonathan Edwards
Neale Hanvey
Liz Saville Roberts
Hywel Williams
Jim Shannon

John Nicolson

This House congratulates Geiriadur Prifysgol Cymru, the University of Wales Dictionary of the Welsh Language, on reaching its centenary this year, and acknowledges the support of the Centre for Advanced Welsh and Celtic Studies, the University of Wales Trinity Saint David, and the Welsh Government; notes that it is the standard historical dictionary of the Welsh language in printed form, online, and as an app used by scholars across the world as well as the authoritative source upon which numerous other Welsh dictionaries and linguistic resources are based, serving a community of hundreds of thousands of Welsh speakers; acknowledges that it contains nearly 90,000 entries, 410,000 quotations, and 9 million words; celebrates that it is the longest-running continuous dictionary project in the UK; and commends the vision of the University of Wales, the dedication of the team of editors, volunteers, contributors and proof readers, and the contribution the Dictionary continues to make to the study and growth of the Welsh language.

718 Supporting Oban's bid for City Status

Tabled: 30/11/21 Signatories: 5

Brendan O'Hara
Allan Dorans
Ian Mearns
Alison Thewliss
John Nicolson

That this House supports the town of Oban in its bid to achieve city status and become Scotland's eighth city; notes Oban's strategically important position on Scotland's beautiful west coast, connected to the rest of Scotland by a network of rail, air, road and ferry links; acknowledges the vitally important role the busy ferry port of Oban plays in being the Gateway to the Isles, providing a transit point for tens of thousands of islanders and tourists every year; recognises that as a university town, home to the world renowned Scottish Association for Marine Science and a campus for the University of the Highlands and Islands, Oban is at the forefront of pioneering aquaculture innovation and is a seat of learning for more than 1000 students; notes that with stunning scenery, some outstanding seafood outlets and a beautiful old whisky distillery in the very heart of the town, Oban is increasingly becoming a popular visitor destination; recognises that proportionally, Scotland has markedly fewer cities than the other three nations of the United Kingdom, and with a declining population in the western highlands, believes that being awarded city status will bring greater investment in to Oban and the Highlands and Islands and will help reverse the trend of declining population; and wishes the people of Oban the best of luck in their attempts to become Scotland's eighth city.

719 The Creel Seafood Bar, Fionnphort, Isle of Mull

Tabled: 30/11/21 Signatories: 9

Brendan O'Hara
Allan Dorans
Marion Fellows
Ian Mearns
Jim Shannon
Patrick Grady

John Nicolson

That this House congratulates Siobhan Cameron, owner of The Creel Seafood Bar, Fionnphort Pier, Isle of Mull, on winning the Best Seafood Establishment in Scotland, at The Food Awards Scotland 2021; commends the hard work of manager, Niamh Cowan, and all the staff of the Creel Seafood Bar in contributing to this outstanding success; acknowledges that The Creel only has west coast seafood on its menu and it is this, along with the friendly welcome, which has been a contributing factor in its popularity among both locals, as well as visitors to Mull, Fionnphort and Iona; notes that The Creel was originally opened in 2014 by Siobhan's mother, Alex, and her father, Andrew, and, had it not been for their hard work and determination to build the business in those early years, none of this success would have been possible; therefore thanks everyone involved with The Creel Seafood Bar, past and present, for what they have done to put this small corner of the Isle of Mull on the culinary map of Scotland and wishes them all the very best for the future.

721 Recognition of Easthall Residents' Association

Tabled: 1/12/21 Signatories: 6

David Linden
Marion Fellows
Jim Shannon
Allan Dorans
Chris Law
John Nicolson

That this House congratulates the Glenburn Centre in Easthall on being awarded the Frontline Leaders Award at the Great British Care Awards 2021; commends the dedicated team, led by Andy Gilbert, for achieving this award in recognition of the incredible work that they have done and continue to do every day; understands that contenders for this award not only operate across Scotland but the North East of England also; thanks all those who volunteer and work at the centre as well as Easthall Residents' Association for ensuring the continued success of the Glenburn Centre and providing an invaluable community resource for the people of Easthall; acknowledges that the Great British Care Awards aims to be a celebration of excellence across the care sector and pays tribute to individuals and organisations demonstrating outstanding excellence within their field of work; and wishes the team every success as they move on to the final awards which cover all of Britain.

724 Treatment of outsourced security staff at Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children

Tabled: 1/12/21 Signatories: 14

Andy McDonald
Apsana Begum
Jeremy Corbyn
Mary Kelly Foy
Jon Trickett
John McDonnell

Claudia Webbe

That this House notes with deep concern that security guards at the world-renowned Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children, who have gone above and beyond during the covid-19 outbreak to keep the hospital safe and secure, are still outsourced to a private contractor, and not employed directly by the NHS, as other facilities workers are including cleaners, caterers and porters; is appalled that they are provided with far worse terms and conditions than other NHS workers and are the only group of workers who are denied full sick pay which is of particular concern during a global pandemic; is shocked that these key workers, nearly all of whom are from BAME and migrant backgrounds, have been left with no choice but to take strike action in order to win NHS terms and conditions; is further appalled that these workers have been left with no choice but to take the hospital to an employment tribunal in a group indirect race discrimination claim; and calls on the hospital to negotiate with these workers' union United Voices of the World, and to bring these key workers into the direct employment of the NHS, giving them the full NHS contracts that they deserve.

725 Support for small businesses

Tabled: 2/12/21 Signatories: 10

Kirsten Oswald
Hywel Williams
Ben Lake
Liz Saville Roberts
Allan Dorans
Marion Fellows

Jim Shannon

John Nicolson

That this House recognises the tremendous pressures placed on businesses in the retail, leisure and hospitality sector over the period of the covid-19 pandemic; welcomes evidence that many businesses have sustained or improved their offer to customers as they welcome them back after such a lengthy disruption; notes that many trade and industry bodies continue to highlight examples of great businesses in this sector, including recent awards for F & M Hairdressers of Barrhead, Scottish winners for Best Salon Team of the year in this year's Salon Awards, and Lucali by Andiamo and Toni's, both of Giffnock, and Villaggio of Eaglesham, all of them Highly Recommended in the Scottish Italian Awards, and all of them great contributors to the community and economy of East Renfrewshire; further notes that Saturday 4 December 2021 is Small Business Saturday across the UK; and calls on all levels of government to support the small businesses whose development and success in the years ahead will be a vital factor in delivering a fairer and more sustainable post-pandemic and net-zero economy.

726 Eastwood Refugee Aid

Tabled: 2/12/21 Signatories: 11

Kirsten Oswald
Hywel Williams
Ben Lake
John McDonnell
Liz Saville Roberts
Allan Dorans

Jim Shannon

John Nicolson

That this House calls on the UK Government to provide more effective support for those asylum seekers whose desperate plight is evidenced by the dangers and deprivations they are prepared to face in travelling to the UK; notes the commendable work of organisations such as Eastwood Refugee Aid, whose longstanding commitment to supporting refugees locally and overseas has made a significant difference to many facing the most challenging of times; appreciates the significant direct support the group has provided via Convoys to Calais; acknowledges the huge community effort the group has spearheaded, including most recently working with local Scouts to assist in fundraising for an initiative designed to assist Afghan refugees; welcomes their initiative and cooperation with East Renfrewshire Council, which has resulted in them securing use of a local hub to enable donations and distribution to take place; thanks the group for their focus on practical support for those in peril overseas and for refugees settling in Scotland; notes the importance of this initiative to the local community; and considers that this tireless work to support asylum seekers and refugees expresses the best values of people across Scotland and the UK, in contrast to those who would prevent the rescue of asylum seekers from the perils of the sea or would push them back, including women and children, into continuing danger.

727 Closure of TSB Denton branch

Tabled: 2/12/21 Signatories: 4

Andrew Gwynne
John McDonnell
Chris Stephens
Jim Shannon

That this House regrets the announcement by TSB that it intends to close a further 70 of its branches and notes with concern that this represents a closure of a quarter of its network; highlights the planned closure of the TSB Denton branch and regrets that the closure will leave just one bank remaining in the town centre; recognises the importance of physical banking services and expresses concern at the lack of diverse access for customers to banking facilities; regrets that the closure of the TSB Denton branch will leave just one bank remaining in the town centre; further notes that Denton and Reddish constituency is already underserved with relation to physical banking services and that Reddish town centre currently has no high street bank; and implores TSB to reverse this decision as a matter of urgency.

728 Fan-Led Review of Football Governance

Tabled: 2/12/21 Signatories: 14

Ian Mearns
 Hywel Williams
 Ben Lake
 John McDonnell
 Liz Saville Roberts
 Jonathan Edwards

Jim Shannon

Paula Barker

Claudia Webbe

That his House welcomes the publication of the report following the Fan Led Review of Football Governance, chaired by the hon. Member for Chatham and Aylesford, Tracey Crouch MP; notes that the recommendations within the report are supported in full by the All Party Parliamentary Group for Football, the All Party Parliamentary Group for Football Supporters and the All Party Parliamentary Group on Women's Football; and calls on the Government to implement in full the recommendations of that report at the earliest opportunity to safeguard the future of the football pyramid in England.

729 Resale of in-demand goods purchased by automated bots

Tabled: 2/12/21 Signatories: 11

Douglas Chapman
 Hywel Williams
 Ben Lake
 Liz Saville Roberts
 Allan Dorans
 Alison Thewliss

Jim Shannon

John Nicolson

That this House believes that the online provision of items should be available to all customers and that items should not be bought in bulk by the use of automated bots which often circumvent maximum purchase quantities imposed by the retailer, and which subsequently distorts the marketplace by creating a scarcity thus enabling the bulk purchaser to then resell the items at grossly inflated prices above the Manufacturer's Recommended Retail Price; calls on the Government to bring forward legislative proposals similar to those introduced for the secondary selling of tickets, thereby prohibiting the resale of items at prices greatly above Manufacturer's Recommended Retail Price when purchased using automated bots; and further calls on the Government to bring forward legislative proposals making the resale of goods purchased using an automated bot an illegal activity, thereby denying unscrupulous vendors the chance to make themselves vast profits at the expense of genuine end-use consumers, while also deterring fraudulent cybercriminal activity.

730 Peter O'Keefe Special Recognition Grassroots Award 2021

Tabled: 2/12/21 Signatories: 7

Amy Callaghan
Allan Dorans
Marion Fellows
Chris Law
Chris Stephens
Jim Shannon

John Nicolson

That this House congratulates Peter O'Keefe on receiving the McDonald's Special Recognition Award at the Grassroots Awards 2021; understands Mr O'Keefe has operated restaurants across Glasgow for over 25 years; notes Mr O'Keefe has used his platform throughout his career to support local clubs such as Milngavie FC, host a number of community festivals, and deliver thousands of new strips and equipment to clubs who need it most; further notes Mr O'Keefe's support for charities and his fundraising efforts over the years by running 13 marathons, completing multiple kilt walks, and organising a number of other fundraising events to raise thousands for charity; thanks Mr O'Keefe for all his efforts to give back to the community over the years and for using his platform to support those in need; and congratulates Mr O'Keefe once more on receiving this well deserved recognition award.

731 Crohn's and Colitis Awareness Week

Tabled: 2/12/21 Signatories: 17

Amy Callaghan
Andrew Gwynne
Hywel Williams
Ben Lake
John McDonnell
Liz Saville Roberts

Jim Shannon

Paula Barker

John Nicolson

That this House recognises Crohn's and Colitis Awareness Week running from 1 to 7 December; understands Crohn's & Colitis UK aim to raise awareness and reduce the stigma around these very serious and incurable conditions; notes that each day of Crohn's Awareness Week a platform will be available for anyone living with Crohn's and Colitis or supporting a loved one who does to share their story; understands the covid-19 pandemic has had a significant impact on research and treatment of the condition; encourages greater access to inflammatory bowel disease services to help treat the condition across the UK; wishes all those with Crohn's and Colitis taking part in the awareness week the very best; and thanks Crohn's and Colitis UK for their work to support people living with inflammatory bowel diseases.

732 John-Paul Mackie, Pharmacist of the Year 2021 Award (No. 2)

Tabled: 2/12/21 Signatories: 10

Chris Stephens
Marion Fellows
Jim Shannon
Patrick Grady
Kirsten Oswald
Gavin Newlands

John Nicolson

That this House congratulates John-Paul Mackie on winning the title Pharmacist of the Year 2021, at the Independent Pharmacy Awards reception in the House of Commons; notes that this award, run in association with the Independent Community Pharmacy magazine, shines a light on the brilliant work of John-Paul Mackie as a pharmacist in the Cardonald community of Glasgow and his teams across the Glasgow area; notes John-Paul Mackie was voted Independent Pharmacist of the year for his revolutionary use of technology and automation, where he combined the use of a dispensing robot, with a pill pack robot and a 24/7 prescription collection point to allow patients to collect their medicine 24 hours a day from the pharmacy store front; further notes this encouraged physical distancing and supporting key and shift workers during the pandemic and importantly the move towards automation ensured his pharmacy stayed open for every scheduled hour of the pandemic and supported the local community pharmacy network when other pharmacies had to close or restrict their services as their teams isolated with covid; recognises that automation also greatly improved the patient experience, by freeing up his teams time to spend with patients, providing additional NHS services and delivering quality patient care; and wishes Mr Mackie and all staff associated with Mackie Pharmacy continued success going forward.

733 Northlink Ferries and Islander food discount

Tabled: 3/12/21 Signatories: 4

Mr Alistair Carmichael
Layla Moran
Chris Stephens
Jim Shannon

That this House notes with concern Northlink Ferries' decision to cut islander discounts on food and drink on its ferries to and from the Northern Isles; recognises that ferry services are a lifeline transport link for islanders and are generally the only affordable travel option for those who use them, with journeys lasting several hours; understands that this decision was taken without notice or consultation with local people; notes that the Islands Act passed by the Scottish Parliament is intended to ensure that policy changes are island proofed to avoid such outcomes; and calls upon Northlink Ferries to reverse its decision and consult with isles representatives and local people to resolve their grievances about this change.

734 Barnett Consequentials from the Culture Recovery Fund

Tabled: 3/12/21 Signatories: 9

Patrick Grady
Allan Dorans
Alison Thewliss
Marion Fellows
Gavin Newlands
Chris Law

John Nicolson

That this House notes with concern reports that HM Treasury has only delivered £9 million of an expected £40 million to the Scottish Government in consequential funding arising from the £300 million increase in the Culture Recovery Fund announced in the March 2021 Budget; notes that while First Minister Nicola Sturgeon announced on 11 May 2021 that the expected £40 million would be made available for culture organisations in Scotland, six months later Scottish Ministers have been unable to fulfil that commitment in full due to HM Treasury not delivering the remaining consequentials in a timely manner; shares the concerns expressed by the Scottish Commercial Music Industry Taskforce that the result of these funds being withheld by the Government is that Scottish artists and culture organisations are at significant disadvantage compared to their counterparts elsewhere in the UK, and that while Arts Council England has been able to continue making support available to organisations through to January 2022, such support in Scotland has not been able to continue beyond 30 September 2021, leading to fears that the sector has been left in a severely weakened position with no access to support needed to restart and recover as the economy emerges from pandemic-related restrictions; and calls on the Treasury to explain why there has been such a significant delay, and to take action to resolve this issue as a matter of urgency in order that artists and culture organisations in Scotland can benefit from the expected and intended support.

735 Glen Cinema Disaster Memorial

Tabled: 3/12/21 Signatories: 9

Gavin Newlands
Mhairi Black
Allan Dorans
Marion Fellows
Alison Thewliss
Chris Law

Jim Shannon

John Nicolson

That this House commends the work of Paisley Rotary, Future Paisley and the Paisley community in providing a fitting permanent memorial to honour the 71 children who lost their lives in the Glen Cinema Disaster on the 31st of December 1929; notes that the children died after a smoking canister reel caused a panic which sadly resulted in a crush as the exit doors had been locked; acknowledges that changes to Health and Safety legislation were introduced following the tragedy including the introduction of push bars on fire exits; further notes that the memorial will offer future generations the opportunity to remember those who were lost and also those survived such as Emily Brown and Robert Pope who attended the unveiling ceremony; welcomes that the annual remembrance event which takes place every Hogmanay will now have a unique and dedicated focal point.

736 Knightswood Community Centre 50th (+1) Anniversary

Tabled: 3/12/21 Signatories: 7

Carol Monaghan
Allan Dorans
Marion Fellows
Chris Law
Chris Stephens
Jim Shannon

John Nicolson

That this House recognises the important milestone for Knightswood Community Centre as it celebrates its 50th (+1) anniversary; notes that Knightswood Community Centre is a valued asset that has been at the heart of the local community for the last fifty one years, providing a wide range of services, including dance classes, arts and crafts classes, language learning, sporting and fitness activities, health advice and meeting places for local organisations; further notes that Knightswood Community Centre is one of the largest and busiest community facilities in Glasgow; recognises the commitment of the centre staff and centre management to the local community; notes that the 50th anniversary celebrations were unable to take place last year due to the COVID-19 pandemic; congratulates everyone involved in the celebrations on 4th December 2021; and looks forward to the continuing success of the centre throughout the next 50 (+1) years.

737 Recognising the service of House of Commons staff member Will Conway

Tabled: 6/12/21 Signatories: 5

Charlotte Nichols
Paula Barker
Jim Shannon
Mr Virendra Sharma
Chris Stephens

That this House wholeheartedly thanks Will Conway for his 28 years of service as a member of House of Commons staff; offers gratitude for his over two decades of service as the Branch Secretary of the GMB Union representing House of Commons staff; thanks him for his support and assistance in organising the GMB Members' and Peers' Staff Branch that was formally recognised by the Parliamentary Labour Party in 2018; thanks him for the numerous trade union representatives he has trained and supported; notes his work in roles across the estate and parliamentary community, particularly in Bellamy's and Strangers' Bar; and wishes him a happy and relaxing retirement.

738 Linlithgow Black Bitch

Tabled: 6/12/21 Signatories: 8

Martyn Day
John McNally
Marion Fellows
Carol Monaghan
Dave Doogan
Douglas Chapman

Kenny MacAskill

Chris Stephens

That this House supports the rich traditions, local customs and heritage found throughout these islands and beyond, such as the Linlithgow Black Bitch; notes that in Linlithgow the local custom of describing locals as Black Bitches is based on the heroic greyhound who fed her master when he was incarcerated on an island in the middle of a loch with no food and water, before the dog was subsequently given the same punishment; further notes that the dog's loyalty, determination and grit was respected in Linlithgow by naming Linlithgow people Black Bitches as a mark of honour; acknowledges that the Black Bitch has been depicted on Linlithgow's ancient burgh seal as far back as 1296 and in the Royal Seal that marked the town's status as a Royal Burgh; recognises that Black Bitch imagery and artwork is featured throughout the town, including on schools' badges, local magazines, buildings, and a recent statue that stands in the High Street alongside a plaque that explains its history; further notes that Linlithgow's oldest public house is named the Black Bitch Tavern, which is recognised far and wide as a well-run and friendly hostelry; and calls on the brewing conglomerate Greene King to abandon plans to change the name of the tavern in a misguided attempt at virtue signalling, and instead recognise the nation's history and culture.

739 Gia's of Shettleston

Tabled: 6/12/21 Signatories: 4

David Linden
Jim Shannon
John Nicolson
Chris Stephens

That this House

congratulates Glasgow East eatery Gia's on its recent success at the 8th annual Scottish Italian Awards;

recognises that Gia's was awarded commendations as a highly recommended establishment in the Scotland's Best Family Friendly Restaurant category and in the Scottish Barista Champion category;

warmly welcomes the success of this family business since it moved to its new location in Shettleston in 2019, having firmly established itself as a popular spot with East End locals;

and wishes Gia's every continued success in 2022 and beyond.

740 Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office and labour law reforms in Ukraine

Tabled: 6/12/21 Signatories: 3

John McDonnell
Kenny MacAskill
Chris Stephens

That this House notes leaked documents published by the European Public Service Unions reportedly showing that the Government, via the British Embassy Kyiv and UKaid, is funding communications consultants Abt Associated to assist efforts to negatively reform the employment laws in Ukraine; further notes that the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office is also funding a labour regulation project in Ukraine to support such changes; and expresses concern that the changes set out in draft Ukrainian laws 5388 and 537 will remove 80 per cent of Ukrainian employees from existing protections and undermine trade union rights, and stand condemned as an infringement of international labour standards by Ukrainian trade unions and undermines efforts of the International Labour Organisation in Ukraine.

741 Scottish Women's Premier League Cup Final 2021

Tabled: 6/12/21 Signatories: 10

Patrick Grady
Amy Callaghan
Gavin Newlands
Chris Stephens
Steven Bonnar
Kirsten Oswald

John Nicolson

That this House congratulates Celtic Football Club's Women's Team on their success in the 2021 Scottish Women's Premier League Cup Final against Glasgow City, played at Firhill Stadium in Glasgow on Sunday 5 December 2021; notes that this is the first silverware for the team since 2010, and the first since that year not be won by either Glasgow City or Hibernian; believes that the record attendance of 3,645 indicates a growing interest in the women's game; further notes that the match took place 100 years to the day on which the Football Association in England announced an effective ban on women's football which had a chilling effect on the game across the UK, and remained in place for 50 years; notes that various events and exhibitions have been planned to mark this anniversary, and looks forward to interest in the game continuing to grow, and the future success of national and local teams across the country.

742 Consequentials for Scotland and the Culture Recovery Fund

Tabled: 6/12/21 Signatories: 3

Patricia Gibson
John Nicolson
Chris Stephens

That this House welcomes the Government's £300 million uplift to the Culture Recovery Fund, set up to tackle the crisis facing the culture sector as a result of the covid-19 pandemic; recognises that the Fund was designed to assist a sector devastated by the essential public health measures, and further excluded from Government covid-19 support schemes such as the furlough scheme, due to the freelance nature of many of those working within it; acknowledges that devolved Administrations expected to receive a consequential share of this fund to ensure support for the sector's recovery across the UK; is concerned by recent reports that only a fraction of the funding promised to the

devolved Administrations has been distributed, with only £9 million of an anticipated £40 million boost being delivered to the Scottish Government to support its efforts to fund the recovery of the sector in Scotland; notes that, despite this, the Scottish Government has made available £25 million to support recovery in the culture sector in Scotland; and urges the Government to deliver consequential funding to the devolved Administrations, in full, as a matter of urgency.

745 Lavender Drive Christmas lights

Tabled: 6/12/21 Signatories: 4

Kirsten Oswald
Jim Shannon
John Nicolson
Chris Stephens

That this House commends the big hearts and thoughtfulness of the residents of Lavender Drive, East Renfrewshire, dubbed Scotland's most festive street after residents switched on a street-long Christmas display that has transformed the street into a winter wonderland to raise money for cancer research and support; notes that the idea for the festive initiative came during the 2020 lockdown when local resident, father of two Fred Banning, was diagnosed with terminal bowel cancer; recalls that Mr Banning's plea to the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation for those living with a terminal diagnosis and their immediate family members to be a high priority for the administration of the covid-19 vaccine was highlighted in EDM 1260; further notes that by asking for donations from those who came to see the spectacular light show last Christmas, the street's residents raised more than £5500 for the Beatson Cancer Charity, and backs the residents in their desire to collect even more money this Christmas for Cancer Research UK.

746 Food insecurity

Tabled: 6/12/21 Signatories: 27

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Jonathan Edwards
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Jim Shannon
Zarah Sultana
Peter Dowd
Kenny MacAskill

Claudia Webbe
Charlotte Nichols
Sir George Howarth
Chris Stephens

That this House recognises the horrific levels of food insecurity in the UK being experienced by approximately 11 million people; acknowledges the profound and devastating consequences of food insecurity on the health, wellbeing and livelihoods of people in our communities; notes with concern that the need for emergency food parcels remains well above pre-pandemic levels; further recognises that, as per Trussell Trust figures, food parcels given to children have increased at double the rate for adults compared to pre-pandemic levels; agrees that the Government has a duty to ensure nobody in our communities goes hungry; asserts that the Government's duty should be reflected in legislation and that the right to food should be enshrined in UK law; recognises the many councils across the country that have declared themselves right to food cities and towns; recognises that the Trade Union Congress 2021 passed a motion calling for the right to food to be enshrined in law; recognises that the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee has recommended the Government urgently consult on a legal right to food; calls on the Government

to include the right to food in its White Paper in response to the National Food Strategy recommendations; and notes that the White Paper is due in early 2022.

747 Government funding plans for Transport for London

Tabled: **6/12/21** Signatories: **11**

Dawn Butler
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Bell Ribeiro-Addy
John Cryer
Barry Gardiner

Paula Barker

Claudia Webbe

That this House is concerned with the current Government funding plans for Transport for London; believes that a short term deal or reduction in funding could threaten London's recovery and the potential long term effects could be devastating; recognises the vital role that Transport for London has to not just the economic prosperity of London and surrounding regions; calls on the Government to ensure that safe, reliable, inclusive, affordable and frequent bus, train and Tube services can increase as London recovers; further calls on the Government to recognise the important role that Transport for London plays in achieving net zero and clean air targets and in funding programmes such as cycle proficiency across the capital; and calls on the Government to secure long term funding and maintain Transport for London as an integrated transport authority with independence to make operational decisions and renewals investment.