

PE1470/P

Argyll and Bute Council Letter of 30 May 2013

PUBLIC PETITIONS COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION OF PE1470 QUESTIONS / ISSUES ARISING FROM COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Local authorities—

- What are your views / experience on the issues raised in the petition?

The petition is interesting and clearly has some merit. Young carers are financially and socially disadvantaged by their caring role.

There are issues for young carers about supporting them through different stages in their lives.

- How well do the policies aimed at supporting the needs of young carers work in practice?

There are a number of young carers groups in Argyll and Bute. In school young carers are supported well through different initiatives. We provide support to allow young carers the opportunity to socialise however we do not support carers financially.