

PE1976/M: Backdate council tax discounts for dementia to the date of GP certification

Petitioner written submission, 12 November 2025

I warmly welcome the written submission by the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government, Shona Robison MSP, in particular paragraphs 3 and 4:-

"The Scottish Government appreciates the concerns raised by the Committee and agrees in principle with the argument presented by the petitioner.

I can confirm that the Scottish Government is actively exploring legislative options and intends to bring forward proposals in the coming months to address this issue."

Together with the confirmation in paragraph 8 that:-

"As liability for Council Tax falls within devolved competence, we are able to explore our own options and are doing so."

I trust this will lead to the Scottish Government adopting petition PE1976.