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**From:**

**Sent:** 26 July 2022 08:37

**To:**

**Subject:** RE: Funding Decision and Related Matters - Pear Tree Nurseries Limited - East Lothian - BRIG/23/2

Colleagues

To confirm that I have written to the Scottish Government this morning with a 'heads up'.

Can I ask that when you are drafting the response letter, that you also look for a date for the meeting please. I think all of us should attend along with [redacted] It would be helpful if I could see a draft and that we get something out to them by the end of this week if at all possible please?

Kind regards,

**Executive Director - Education & Children's Services**  
**East Lothian Council**  
**John Muir House**  
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**From:**

**Sent:** 25 July 2022 08:51

**To:**

**Subject:** FW: Funding Decision and Related Matters - Pear Tree Nurseries Limited - East Lothian - BRIG/23/2

**Importance:** High

For discussion this afternoon,

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**From:**

**Sent:** 22 July 2022 17:54

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**Subject:** Funding Decision and Related Matters - Pear Tree Nurseries Limited - East Lothian - BRIG/23/2

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BY EMAIL ONLY:

Dear

I refer to your email of 20 July to [redacted] of ICP Nurseries.

I note that your email alleges breaches of criteria 6 of the National Care standards for Early Learning and Childcare, the 'Additional Support for Learning Act (2014)' (sic), the Equality Act 2010 and the contract between East Lothian and the Provider. As a result, you intimated that partnership funding for three Pear Tree nurseries will not be issued under the Contract on 25 July and that the agreements between the Council and the nurseries, which end on 31 July 2022, will not be renewed until *the situation is resolved*. I note that you have now reversed that decision, in relation to funding, until the end of the agreements.

As a preliminary matter, can you kindly direct me to the relevant delegated authority by virtue of which you as Education Service Manager and Principal Educational Psychologist had the necessary *vires* to take and issue these decisions on behalf and in the name of the Council?

You had previously indicated that no further discussion regarding the issue will take place prior to 1 August, when your colleagues

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