-----Original Message-----From: Sent: 29 July 2022 11:53 To: Cc: Subject: RE: Transitions Importance: High

Dear

Thank you for your email.

Following on from the extended

I am disappointed by the decision of Bright Stars not to extend the given that you have stated that "we are committed to discharging all our duties in relation to all of the children in our care

We note your thoughts on possible transition solutions. Following consideration of these, please see our response below.

1. We cannot agree to put staff into At this time, all of our workforce are already working in one of our 48 week Early Learning and Childcare settings or are on holiday. In addition to this, your suggestion would mean a new, unfamiliar adult working with the children who they do not have a relationship with. This would not be in the best interests of any child

2. The deployment of staff within Pear Tree is not a matter for the Council to be involved in.

As agreed I will now notify of your decision and our response to your transition suggestions.

Warmest regards

Quality Improvement Officer (Early Years)

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From: Sent: 28 July 2022 17:28 To: Cc: Subject: Transitions

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Dear

I note your decision in relation to funding for		and we all
welcome the outcome for		I have noted that there are transition
meetings		with a view to them moving to new
placements, as sourced by your team,		. I gathered from our
meetings that	have accepted the placer	nents for . I let my colleagues
know that	have asked for a longer transitional period	

discussed matters with my colleagues following yesterday's meetings, we remain of the view that we are unable to meet the

Continuing the placement with the current arrangements with the reasonable

accommodations in place would mean that we would be continuing to fail in our duties to as well as the other staff and children in the nursery; the nursery does not currently have the appropriate staffing

That said, we have carefully considered how we might best accommodate a l am aware that you asked for a firm answer from us on by noon today but we wanted to provide practical accommodations that we could put in place, if you are willing to work together to provide a solution for Contrary to the comments made by the yesterday that our decision making has been 'unethical and inhumane', we are committed to discharging all our duties in relation to all of the children in our care

With that in mind, our thoughts on the transition are as follows:

Firstly, if wish to continue the placement a for an extended period with a view to starting properly in the new setting by would East Lothian
Council be willing to provide to deliver the ? Providing the would ensure

· Alternativelv, we could ask the

by attending the with o work alongside the provision already in place there. This was an accommodation mentioned by in easing

It would, however require the placement at the ELC nursery to be made available

We would welcome your thoughts on our proposals at the earliest opportunity.

Kind regards,

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