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*Dear Karen*

Thank you for your note of 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021 concerning pay rises for NHS and social care staff.

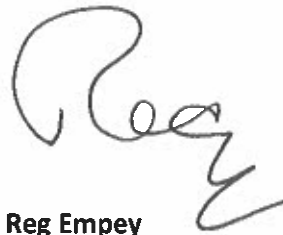
We have been fortunate to be so well served by these dedicated public sector workers who have guided us through an awful twelve months.

I know that in your own City this hard work has been widely recognised and praised.

You will be aware that one of the first acts performed by my Party colleague the Health Minister Robin Swann MLA was to reach a settlement with nursing staff, thus ending a long running dispute.

I do not know what the financial situation will be this year for public sector workers, but am happy to bring your Council's concerns to the attention of colleagues.

All the best for 2021

  
Reg Empey