

QUESTION NO 3

**By Councillor Gordon
Mackenzie to be answered by
the Executive Member for
Children and Families at a
meeting of the Council on 29
June 2006**

- Question** (1) What was the basis for your comment at Council on 1 June 2006 during the debate on the Director of Finance's report into Edinburgh's Lifelong Learning Partnership (ELLP) that you understood that 'Wabster' was being wound up?
- Question** (2) At paragraph 4.22 of his report to Council of 1 June 2006 into ELLP, the Director of Finance states that the CEC employee who resigned as a Director of Wabster remained as a shareholder in that company. What steps were taken by the CEC or ELLP to ascertain the level of that shareholding and when were those steps taken?
- Question** (3) What steps were taken by the Board of ELLP to establish whether the employee referred to in Question (2) or other Directors of Wabster received material benefit from activities of that company?
- Question** (4) What steps were taken by the CEC to establish whether the employee referred to in Question (2) or other Directors of Wabster received material benefit from activities of that company?
- Question** (5) At the Council meeting of 1 June 2006 you asserted that there had been no need for an annual report to be submitted to the Council or the Executive on the activities of ELLP in preceding years. In his report to the Council meeting of 1 June 2006, the Director of Finance in Appendix 1, page 126, Section 12, of the report states 'Clearly the company falls within the definition that requires an annual report'. Do you now accept that there should have been annual reports on the activities of ELLP in preceding years?