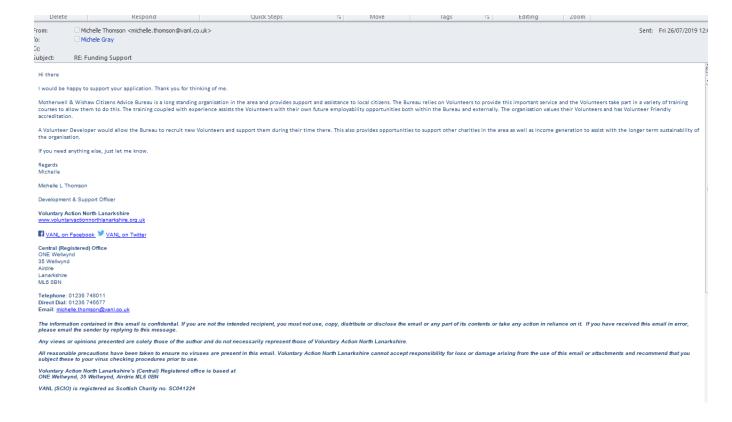
## Fiona Fotheringham, Wishaw Councilor endorsed our Volunteer Development Project:

'Unemployment figures for Wishaw and Motherwell locality continue to be high and there is a very high percentage of people residing in the most deprived areas with low income, affected by mental health issues, with very poor employment prospects. Motherwell & Wishaw CAB supported impressive 12, 000 of our residents and improved the clients' financial position by £4mln last year. It was down to outstanding efforts of their voluntary workforce trained as Generalist Advisers who made a great difference in the local community. The voluntary workforce reflects the make up of the local community as they represent the most disadvantaged groups. CAB offered volunteers access to comprehensive training and equipped them with the transferrable skills. Volunteers treated it as a springboard to employment and 80% of the members of the voluntary workforce moved on to positive destinations.

The demand for their excellent services continues to exceed their supply. In order to mitigate this, they are planning to recruit a Volunteer Development Officer who will actively support the recruitment, training of new volunteers. I would fully support their application to Ecclassiastical to make this happen. It will be a much needed, vital service in the local community.

I consulted a number of my constituents and they did express interest in joining CAB workforce and accessing their high quality training to boost their prospects of securing employment in the future. They did recognize great benefits of this programme.

This project will add value to the local community and complement existing service delivery. It will add capacity to existing employability services. '



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**Sent:** 26 July 2019 15:30

To: Michele Gray

Subject: RE: wee favour

## Hi Michele

Speaking as someone with many years of working partnership with CAB, Motherwell and Wishaw, and who values the tremendous amount of work that Volunteers do, I would totally support this bid. Motherwell and Wishaw area has a vast number of SIMD areas, with people who need advice/support with housing; finance; benefits and so on, so Volunteers are a vital part of the service that Citizen's Advice offer to the public. As an organisation devoted to training and employment, their model is one that I am happy to endorse

## **Kind Regards**

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