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Mr Pete Wishart MP
Chair, Scottish Affairs Committee
By email to [REDACTED]

Dear Mr Wishart

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to come to the committee and explain the city's state of readiness for COP 26.

During the evidence session, Cllr Aitken and I were asked about preparations by licenced premises to welcome people who are visiting the city and specifically how they are managing the 'vaccine passport' scheme. I undertook to look into this and come back to you.

The first thing to say is that I made an error in suggesting that delegates were in general exempt from having to demonstrate that they had been vaccinated in order to access venues.

Having discussed it with colleagues in the council's environmental health section, who have discussed it with the Scottish Government, the position is as follows:

Vaccine certification will not be required for UN accredited attendees to the Blue Zone. However certification will be required in order to attend venues outside the blue zone, where it is generally required.

I apologise for making that error when I spoke to you on Monday.

Yours sincerely

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