

John reaffirms support for OBFA

John reaffirmed his support for the Offensive Behaviour at Football and Threatening Communications Act 2012 following news that attempts to repeal the act would be made in the Scottish Parliament.

Speaking to the BBC John commented:

“Any moves made to repeal the act would very much send the wrong signal about our dedication to taking on sectarianism, anti-Catholicism and anti-Irish racism in Scotland.

“The vast majority of the public and in fact Rangers and Celtic fans themselves support the act

“I agree there are other ways to help tackle the problem of sectarianism through educational and cultural initiatives but it is clear that the public agrees that the OBFA is an important tool to help tackle sectarianism.



“While moves to improve the legislation would be welcome, removing the legislation entirely would be a step backwards when it comes to dealing with sectarianism.”

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John's Recent Motions

- ♦ **Motion S5M-00017: Returning Officer Bonuses** — Noting the large bonuses given to returning officers for running elections and looking for a review of the expenditure.
- ♦ **Motion S5M-00057: Return of Koh-i-Noor** — Noting the news that India will seek the return of the Koh-i-Noor stone and calling on the UK Government to work constructively with other nations with a view to returning the stone.

The East End Community Carers Hub was launched on Wednesday 11th May.

Unfortunately the group lost council funding but it aims to continue providing services regardless, through its opening of the carers hub.

John was impressed with the services that will be offered such as a drop in Carers Café and Support Groups.

East End Carers

London Road Closure

Unfortunately the current road closures on London Road heading Westbound are due to continue until the 30th September. The reason given for this was to facilitate Scottish Water sewer and water main repairs by Morrison Construction.

The closure is between Springfield Road and Clyde Gateway (Westbound only).



John Mason Re-elected as Shettleston MSP

The votes are in for this term's Scottish Parliament election.

John Mason was re-elected as SNP MSP with a majority of 7323 on the following results:

Candidate	Party	Votes	Percentage
John Mason	SNP	14,198	56.0%
Thomas Rannachan	Labour	6,875	27.1%
Thomas Kerr	Conservative	3,151	12.4%
Jamie Cocozza	TUSC	583	2.3%
Giocanni Caccavello	Liberal Democrat	568	2.2%

Commenting John Mason once again MSP said:

“I am grateful and humbled to once again be chosen by the people of Shettleston to act as their representative to the Scottish Parliament.

“In particular I want to thank the voters in Garrowhill, Swinton and Springhill for choosing to elect me for the seventh time as Councillor, MP and now once again as their MSP.

“I will continue to do my best to stand up for everyone in Glasgow Shettleston Constituency in our Parliament and elsewhere.”



MSPs Sworn in

John and the other MSPs were sworn in at an official ceremony in the Scottish Parliament on Thursday 12th May and have since become full MSPs.

John's Surgery Times(Until 30th June):

1st Monday of the month

2pm—Calton Heritage & Learning Centre, 423 London Road, G40 1AG

6pm—Garrowhill Community Centre, 35 Maxwell Drive, G69 6HY

2nd Monday of the month

2pm—Baillieston Library, 141 Main Street, G69 6AA

3rd Monday of the month

2pm—Bridgeton Library, Olympia Building, Bridgeton Cross, G40 2BJ

4th Monday of the month

2pm—Shettleston Library, 154 Wellshot Road, G32 7AZ

6pm—Carmyle Community Centre, 28 Hillcrest Road, G32 8AG

Surgeries every Friday evening, 5-6:30pm at my Parkhead Constituency office.

There are no surgeries during School Holidays.

The full text of all motions , questions and answers can be viewed at

<http://www.johnmason.org/category/motions/>