**GMB** SCOTLAND

Cllr Jonathon McColl Leader of West Dunbartonshire Council 16 Church Street DUMBARTON West Dunbartonshire G82 1QL

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Your council is one of Greenlight's key clients and, on behalf of GMB Scotland members employed to deliver these recycling services, I am keen to know what action you and the council are taking to prevent liquidation of the company and redundancy of its employees.

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I look forward to hearing from you urgently.

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