Centennial Commonwealth Youth Parliament - 6-10 September 2011

1. The purpose of this paper is to:

   - update Members on the attendance of two Members of the Scottish Youth Parliament (SYP) at the Centennial Commonwealth Youth Parliament;
   
   - invite Members to note the contents, at Annex A, of their visit report; and
   
   - inform members of further activity involving SYP.

2. Members of the Branch Executive Committee (BEC) will remember nominating 2 representatives from the SYP, Keenan Alexander and Rae Cahill, to attend the recent Centennial Commonwealth Youth Parliament in London. Feedback has been very positive.

3. Keenan has already submitted their report, which amongst other things, thanks Members of the BEC for providing the opportunity to participate. A copy of the report is attached at Annex A.

4. Keenan and Rae would be interested in participating in CPA Scotland Branch activities in the future, particularly in relation to Malawi. For further information you may wish to note that Keenan will be doing a presentation at the meeting of the Scottish Parliament’s Cross Party Group on Malawi on 29 September. He visited Malawi in July to carry out some work with the Malawians in relation to setting up a Youth Parliament. This work is likely to be on-going. During the visit he was based in Nkhata Bay. Maureen Watt MSP is paired with a Member from Nkhata Bay.

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