COMMONWEALTH WEEK 2012

1. The purpose of this paper is to ask Members of the Branch Executive Committee (BEC) to consider a revised programme for the CPA Scotland Branch celebration of Commonwealth Week as agreed at the last meeting on 7 December 2011.

2. Members agreed at the previous meeting that in addition to the proposed activities, the possibility of arranging a Members Debate on Wednesday 14 March should also be explored. Members are therefore asked to:

   a) Consider the amended draft programme to reflect the updated position. A copy of which is attached at Annex A;
   b) Consider and agree a revised draft guest list attached at Annex B;
   c) Consider and agree a motion for debate on Wednesday 14 March. A copy of a suggested draft motion is attached at Annex C;
   d) Note that a space has been allocated to CPA Scotland Branch to mount a Commonwealth Day photographic exhibition, and
   e) Note that an invitation has been sent to the Scottish Youth Parliament (SYP) to nominate 2 suitable Members to attend the Commonwealth Observance Ceremony in London on 12 March 2012.

3. The following are points for discussion and consideration, in association with the draft programme at Annex A:

   - The Special Envoy has confirmed attendance. The role of the Special Envoy following her event requires firming up.
   - The timings in the draft programme have changed to accommodate guests attending the Members Debate.
   - Fair Trade organisations have been added to the guest list as requested.
   - Given that the Members of the Scottish Youth Parliament have been invited to attend CPA events over the recent months, 2 places have been allocated to Members of the SYP to allow representation at the events.
   - The Malawian interns will attend all the events contained within the Programme.

4. Costs are as advised under the Forward Programme of Activities and Finance paper.

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