COMMONWEALTH WEEK 2012

1. The purpose of this paper is to update Members on arrangements for Commonwealth Week. A copy of the current programme is attached at Annex A.

2. Members are asked to:
   a) Consider the draft programme;
   b) Note that a space has been allocated to CPA Scotland Branch to mount a Commonwealth Day photographic exhibition;
   c) Consider substituting the photographic exhibition with the Glasgow 2014 Sport Your Trainers (SYT) stand. (Please refer to paragraph 5 for more information);
   d) Note that arrangements are well under way in relation to arrangements for the 2 MSYPs to attend the Commonwealth Day celebrations in London; and
   e) Encourage Group Members to attend the Members’ Debate and related events.

3. At the last meeting Members agreed the wording of a motion for a Members Debate on Wednesday 14 March. It is highly likely that the debate will take place. The SNP Business Manager agreed to swap dates for Members Business; therefore Sandra White MSP lodged the motion on 9 February.

4. Invitations have been issued and as at 17 February 108 guests had confirmed acceptance. In addition to the agreed list of guests, we have 20 places allocated for the public and a limited number of seats for staff. Six Members of the Scottish Youth Parliament have also been invited including the two MSYPs who are attending the Commonwealth Day events in London.

5. We have received a request from the Glasgow 2014 team to do some promotional work around our event. They could, for example, provide some Sport Your Trainer promotional information for use at the event. They have a giant branded inflatable trainer. We have spoken with colleagues in the Exhibitions and Events Team and we understand that they would be happy for this to be displayed in the Members Lobby provided the exhibition is sponsored by an MSP. This would mean that we would not be able to also mount the photographic exhibition.
6. Costs are as advised under the Forward Programme of Activities and Finance paper.

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