GLASGOW COMMONWEALTH GAMES 2014: 33FIFTY LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME

1. The purpose of this paper is to ask Members of the CPA Scotland Branch to decide whether or not to host a visit by 20 Members of the 33Fifty group on Saturday 19 July 2014 from 10.30am to 12.00pm.

2. Background information is attached at Annex A.

Background

3. As previously discussed at the meeting of the Branch Executive Committee which took place on 25 September 2013, the Branch Secretary has been engaged in discussions with the Royal Commonwealth Society to ascertain if there is scope for the CPA Scotland Branch to participate in the 33Fifty Commonwealth Youth Leadership Programme. The programme will bring together 100 delegates from across Scotland, and the Commonwealth, to explore challenges within the association and to embark on leadership training. Participants will include young leaders from business, politics, and the not for profit sector and engage them in a wider Commonwealth network.

4. Following discussions on 28 November 2013 at the launch of the 33Fifty programme we know that the main events will take place from 17 to 20 July 2014. The first 2 days will be based in Glasgow and the group will be in Edinburgh on Saturday 19 and Sunday 20 July.

5. On Saturday 19 July, the group will be split into several smaller groups and visit/meet with relevant organisations who have an initiative to showcase in the area of low-carbon policies.

Theme

6. The theme of the 33Fifty programme for 2014 will be *What role does the youth of the Commonwealth need to play in progress toward low-carbon economies?*

Proposal

7. The Scottish Parliament will be in recess. However, a tour of the parliamentary building could focus on the environmentally friendly features of the building and a Q&A session with MSPs could be offered to the group. Ideally, at least one
member of the CPA Scotland Branch Executive Committee would facilitate, supported by MSPs with a keen interest in low-carbon policies.

**Costs**

8. Refreshments should be provided and hospitality costs are likely to be on the region of £100.00. The costs are higher than usual due to additional catering staff costs given that the meeting would take place at the weekend.

**Points for discussion/consideration**

9. Gordon Arthur, Director of Communications, Glasgow 2014 Ltd. has met with Members of the Branch Executive Committee on two occasions - at the end of September 2013 and previously on 28 November 2012 - to discuss, amongst other things, how CPA Scotland Branch could assist with the promotion of the Commonwealth Games.

10. Although several ideas were broadly discussed in relation to what the Branch could do and how the Branch could become involved, to date activity has been limited to a link to the Glasgow 2014 website on the CPA Scotland Branch pages of the Scottish Parliament’s website. Other positive action taken by the Branch has included promoting the Commonwealth Games in debates and during outward visits.

11. Glasgow 2014 Ltd. has held several events promoting the Commonwealth Games within the Scottish Parliament over the past 2 years.

12. Participating in the 33Fifty programme would provide an opportunity through which the Branch could support activity related to the Commonwealth Games.

**Decision**

13. Members of the Branch Executive Committee are asked to decide whether or not this proposed visit should take place.

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