Dear Rob

National Litter Strategy

I write to advise the Committee of my intention to publish the Scottish Government’s national litter strategy ‘Towards a Litter-free Scotland: A strategic approach to higher quality local environments’ on Thursday 12th June.

This is the first national litter strategy for devolved Scotland. It sets out how we can all benefit from better environmental quality and safer, more prosperous communities, in place of the current problems of litter and flytipping, which negatively affect people and wildlife in our communities and our waterways.

The strategy will build on the action that the Scottish Government has already taken this year, including increasing the fixed penalties for litter and flytipping, and the recently passed regulations for a charge for single-use carrier bags. The strategy is set to be available at: www.scotland.gov.uk/nationallitterstrategy

In addition to the above, the Committee will wish to be aware that as an immediate action from the strategy, the Scottish Government will also launch a litter behaviour-change marketing campaign on 12th June.

Regards

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