RURAL ECONOMY AND CONNECTIVITY COMMITTEE

AGENDA

27th Meeting, 2018 (Session 5)

Wednesday 31 October 2018

The Committee will meet at 8.15 am in the Mary Fairfax Somerville Room (CR2).

1. **Pre-Budget Scrutiny (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft letter on its Pre-Budget Scrutiny.

2. **Salmon farming in Scotland (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft report.

3. **South of Scotland Enterprise Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider its approach to its anticipated scrutiny of the Bill at Stage 1.

4. **Restricted Roads (20 mph Speed Limit) (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider its approach to the scrutiny of the Bill at Stage 1.

5. **Agriculture update:** The Committee will take evidence from—

   Fergus Ewing, Cabinet Secretary for the Rural Economy, Elinor Mitchell, Director for Agriculture and Rural Economy, David Barnes, National Adviser on Agriculture Policy, Ian Davidson, Head of Agriculture Policy Division, and Douglas Petrie, Head of Area Offices & Head of Agricultural Profession, Scottish Government.

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The papers for this meeting are as follows—

**Agenda Item 1**
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**Agenda Item 2**
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Agricultural update

Background

1. The Committee will take evidence from the Cabinet Secretary for the Rural Economy. The Committee last received an agricultural update from the Cabinet Secretary on 6 June 2018.

2. This session will allow the Committee to receive an update on agricultural matters including rural funding; CAP Payments and Schemes, agricultural frameworks, good food nation Bill, small land holdings and the recent BSE case in Aberdeenshire.

3. The session forms part of a series of regular updates to monitor current issues relevant to the agriculture sector.

Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee clerks

26 October 2018