

**MEMBERSHIP OF SCOTTISH RURAL PARLIAMENT LIAISON GROUP.**

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**1. SUMMARY**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update Members in regards to membership of the Scottish Rural Parliament Liaison Group and invite them to consider appointing an elected Member to serve on the group.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 That the Area Committee note a request from the Scottish Rural parliament Liaison Group to appoint an elected Member to serve on their group, and consider appointing a local Member to undertake that role.

**3. DETAIL**

- 3.1 The Scottish Rural Parliament will have its first meeting in Oban on the 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> of November 2014. The Scottish Rural Parliament is organised and run by Scottish Rural Action, a company set up for this purpose. The Scottish Rural Parliament meeting has the backing of the Scottish Government.
- 3.2 The Scottish Rural Parliament is expected by its organisers to attract around 400 people to Oban during the event on 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> November 2014. The Parliament and associated events will centre upon the Atlantis Leisure Centre and the Corran Halls, and participants will also be able to undertake visits to local projects.
- 3.3 Given the request of the Scottish Rural Parliament Liaison Group to the Area Committee to nominate a Councillor to the Liaison Group for the Parliament taking place in Oban, Members are asked to consider appointing a Member of the Area Committee to serve on the Scottish Rural Parliament Liaison Group.

#### **4. CONCLUSION**

- 4.1 The Area Committee is asked to note the request made by the Scottish Rural Parliament Liaison Group to appoint an elected Member to serve on the Group, and to consider appointing a Member of the Area Committee to that Group.

#### **5. IMPLICATIONS**

Policy -	In keeping with the Council's commitment to work in partnership with other agencies and organisations
Financial –	None
Legal -	None
HR -	None
Equalities -	None
Risk -	None
Customer Service -	None

**Executive Director of Customer Services**  
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