

1/04      **Common Agricultural Policy Reform Measures – Consultation Exercises**

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Business Development (RECORD Appendix 1).

The Committee noted that a lot of discussion had taken place on this matter with various relevant organisations, including HIE and the Crofters' Commission, and the Council's response was in line with the response from those organisations. Members agreed that whilst it was supportive of full decoupling, this was subject to concerns of the local situation in Shetland. It was further noted that this was part of a national consultation by the Scottish Executive, which would assist in the drafting of a proposed Scheme for submission to the European Parliament.

After some general discussion, the Committee unanimously adopted the recommendation in the report to approve the terms of the draft response to the Scottish Executive.

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