

## **SCOTTISH ENVIRONMENT WEEK EVENT PROPOSAL**

### **Executive summary**

1. The purpose of this Paper is to seek the SPCB's approval to allow a quiz type event to take place in the Members' Restaurant on Thursday 21 February as part of the programme of events taking place to mark Scottish Environment Week 2013. This event would be sponsored by Jamie McGrigor MSP.

### **Issues and Options**

2. The SPCB has already approved a themed week of events as part of Scottish Environment Week, over three days Tuesday 19 to Thursday 21 February 2013.
3. As part of the programme of events, the organisers Scottish Environment Link usually organise a quiz on the Thursday evening in a local hostelry for Members, environment groups and organisations. During the discussions for the 2013 Programme officials suggested that the Members' Restaurant may be available for the quiz instead of using a venue outwith the Scottish Parliament.
4. All Members will be invited to attend the quiz and the event would provide an opportunity for Members to meet with and engage with key environment groups and stakeholders in an informal but educational manner. Participation in the event will be by invitation only. There will be no entry fee, no donations solicited and no cash prizes. A cash bar would be provided.
5. This event could provide a pilot for other similar events that might be held in the Members' Restaurant in the future and allows parliamentary officials to explore alternative types of events in that area.
6. It meets the agreed criteria for Member-sponsored events in that engages Members in issues that are important to them but as the event represents a departure from the usual type of event that we hold we would welcome the SPCB's views on the proposal before progressing the event.

### **Resource Implications**

7. Resources to organise this Member-sponsored event are already accounted for in current workload planning. All other costs would be met by the organisers and participants.

### **Governance issues**

8. Health and safety and equalities issues have been considered in relation to this proposal and there are no issues arising.

### **Publication Scheme**

9. This Paper can be published once the event has been made public.

### **Next steps**

10. If this proposal is approved by the SPCB officials will work closely with the organisers to deliver the event within the parameters outlined within this Paper.

### **Decision**

11. The SPCB is asked to consider this Paper and agree that as pilot event the Scottish Environment Week quiz takes place as part of the overall programme of Member-sponsored events that are taking place from Tuesday 19 to Thursday 21 February 2013.

## **EVENTS AND EXHIBITIONS**

December 2012