

Item 9 - Question Time

Response to Mrs M Davidson

We will continue to work closely with our Community Land Scotland partners to ensure that the recommendations of the Land Reform review Group help deliver the 1 million acres into community ownership by the Scottish Government's 2020 target date. The Council Leader has already written to the Minister for Environment and Climate Change, Paul Wheelhouse MSP, to welcome the initiative, to request that the Council is given a place on the Working Group and to invite the Group to Highland to engage with stakeholders locally.

With regard to the cross party working group suggested, I am organising a seminar for all Elected Members, with the participation of Community Land Scotland representatives, for the autumn of this year. This will provide an opportunity for all interested Members to understand the recommendations of the LRRG, the potential quick wins and the recommendations that will take a little longer to implement. The Seminar will take place prior to the meeting with the Government's land reform implementation group.