

## **Consultation update 2014 noted.**

**4** With reference to the minutes of 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2013 (Print 6, page 434) noting work undertaken regarding consultations during 2013, there was submitted a report by the Chief Executive providing an update on consultations, advising

- (1) of the public and stakeholder consultations carried out and the corporate consultations responded to by this Council during 2014 on a wide range of strategic and service specific policies, plans and strategies, many of which were from the Scottish Government or Parliament, as detailed in the report;
- (2) that from time to time this Council was requested, by various local, regional and national organisations and agencies, to respond to consultations regularly throughout the year and that the service worked to ensure a co-ordinated corporate response that would minimise duplication across the Council Family Group;
- (3) of the Consultation Hub located on this Council's website which provided a single point of access for those consultations carried out by services and that a total of 23 consultations had been carried out during 2014 using the Hub, as detailed in appendix 1 of the report;
- (4) that of the 39 requests received by this Council during 2014 to respond to consultations, 24 had been responded to, as detailed in appendix 2 of the report, 9 were currently being responded to and 6 requests had been deemed either not appropriate to respond to or involved consultations where this Council had contributed comments at an earlier stage of the legislative or Parliamentary committee process.

After consideration, the committee noted the work undertaken regarding consultations during 2014 and that further updates would be provided on an annual basis.