EDUCATION, CULTURE AND SPORT COMMITTEE

AGENDA

42nd Meeting, 2000 (Session 1)

Monday 18 December 2000

The Committee will meet at 2.00 pm in Committee Room 2

1. Item in Private: The Committee will decide whether to take item 3 in private.

2. European Parliamentary Programme: The Committee will nominate a representative to take part in a European Parliament funded familiarisation programme.

3. Forward Work Programme: The Committee will consider a draft forward work programme.

4. Special Educational Needs Inquiry (in private): The Committee will consider a second draft report.

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The following papers are attached for this meeting—

Clerk's note on European Familiarisation Programme (Agenda item 2) ED/00/42/1

Draft Forward Work Programme 2001 (Private Paper) (Agenda item 3) ED/00/42/2(P)

SEN Inquiry Second Draft Report (Private Paper) (Agenda item 4) ED/00/42/3(P)
Purpose

The Committee is invited to nominate at this meeting a member, which may be the Convener or another member of the Committee, to take part in a European Parliament-funded familiarisation programme.

Background

The European Parliament has agreed to fund a short familiarisation programme for a group of Scottish Parliament Committee Conveners and members. This is likely to take place in the Spring of 2001.

The aim is to familiarise members with the European legislative process and the operation of the European Parliament.

Much of the business of the Scottish Parliament is driven or affected by European legislation and policy. The Parliament has obligations within Community law. A good understanding of the European Union is important in helping members to work effectively in these areas.

If successful, it is envisaged that the programme may develop in future years.

Recommendation

The Committee is invited to nominate a member to participate in the programme.