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**THIS PAPER RELATES TO
ITEM 10
ON THE AGENDA**

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**Motion to Education, Sport and Leisure Committee
Thursday 19th June 2014**

The Education, Sport and Leisure Committee notes that on 18 September 2014 a referendum will be held to determine the constitutional future of Scotland; recognises that for the first time 16 and 17 year olds in Scotland will be entitled to vote; welcomes that nearly 80 percent of eligible 16 and 17-year olds in Scotland have added their names to the electoral roll; believes it is important that young people who are voting for the first time have access to a balanced account of the arguments both for and against the question "Should Scotland be an Independent Country?"; considers that organised debates can make an important contribution to political awareness and participation; and therefore recommends that the education service facilitates a balanced debate and question and answer session for young people in Clackmannanshire.

Signed: Ellen Forson

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Education, Sport and Leisure Convenor

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