

## Item 11 - Question Time

To the Leader of the Council

'What information did the Brexit meeting you attended in Edinburgh with other Council leaders on 28<sup>th</sup> September, 2018, provide you with?'

### Response to Dr I Cockburn

I attended a meeting of the Highlands and Islands Leader's Group in Edinburgh on 27 September, 2018 where we had a discussed Brexit, Structural Funds and the development of a Regional Policy for the Highlands and Islands. Specifically we discussed potential requests to the UK and Scottish Governments around the Shared Prosperity Fund, agriculture, crofting and land management, fishing, inward migration and access to markets.

At the meeting, members also expressed concern over the current level of uncommitted funds in relation to ERDF and ESF funds.

The Development of a post-Brexit Regional Policy for the Highlands and Islands will be an agenda item at the next meeting of the Convention of the Highlands and Islands which takes place on 22 October, 2018.