9 WOMEN 50/50 (AN191-2015)

This item has been placed on the agenda at the request of Councillor Brennan who will seek support for the undernoted resolution.

Council notes that women are underrepresented across Councils in Scotland and make up only 25% of Councillors. This Council further acknowledges that whilst voluntary mechanisms such as all women shortlists have made some progress, women are still not represented fairly.

The Council congratulates the Women 5050 campaign who have been working across all political parties and have gained support from the SNP, Scottish Labour, Scottish Liberal Democrats and Scottish Green Party leaders.

This Council welcomes and supports Women 5050's call for legislated candidates quotas in the Scottish Parliament and Council elections and backs the campaigns call for fair representation of women in Scotland.