

Local MP Welcomes Island Fuel Duty Discount

Member of Parliament for North Ayrshire and Arran Katy Clark has welcomed the recent decision by the European Commission to approve a scheme to allow a 5p per litre discount to be applied to fuel consumed on rural islands. The Government required European Union approval for the proposal which aims to reduce the price of petrol on rural islands, which traditionally have much higher petrol prices than on the mainland. The local MP campaigned earlier this year to have Arran included in the pilot.

Speaking on the subject Ms. Clark said **“I am delighted that the European Commission have decided to approve the island fuel duty discount pilot. This is something I have been campaigning on for some time and am delighted that some relief will finally be given to islanders struggling with high prices.”**

“There are still important questions on how this scheme is to be implemented which need to be answered. A workable agreement must now be found between retailers and distributors and I urge the Government to do everything it can to ensure that this scheme is implemented as soon as possible. The price of fuel on Arran is of course far more than 5p per litre more expensive and more needs to be done but this is a welcome development.”

Katy Clark MP.