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NBCC, a Navratna construction major under the Ministry of Urban Development will execute a US \$ 20 million (Rs.130 cr) social housing project in Mauritius.

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The Scottish Conservatives will vote against the SNP government's plan to take Scotland back to an immediate referendum campaign.

Ahead of the two-day Holyrood debate, the party said a majority of Scots did not want a separation re-run, and it was the wrong course of action to take.

## **Scottish Conservative leader Ruth Davidson said:**

"The SNP's motion makes it clear that Nicola Sturgeon is determined to fire the starting gun on another divisive referendum campaign this week.

"At a time when we should be coming together as a country, it is the wrong course of action to take.

"A clear majority of Scots say they don't want to go through the uncertainty of another referendum at this time.

"Worse, Nicola Sturgeon wants to trigger an immediate campaign while still hiding the facts on independence, such as the currency, EU membership and the price tag it would entail.

"Nicola Sturgeon wants to set a date but she won't tell us the plan. It is utterly irresponsible.

"We all had a vote on our membership of the UK three years ago. The SNP promised to respect that result. Yet now Nicola Sturgeon is using Brexit as

an excuse to take us back to the division and uncertainty of the past.

“We believe a referendum cannot happen while the Brexit process is being played out.

“And we believe a referendum should not happen when there is no public or political consent for it to happen.

“It is a reasonable and rational position to hold. Scotland is saying loud and clear to Nicola Sturgeon – now is not the time.”

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## **Policy paper: Wilton: reducing the risk of flooding**

This document explains how the Environment Agency is investigating ways to offer flood protection to 30 properties in Wilton, Wiltshire, which are at risk of flooding from the River Wylde.

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## **SRUC selects new Chairman – Sandy Cumming CBE**

Scotland’s Rural College has announced that Sandy Cumming CBE is to be its new Chairman.

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## **Green Party: Urgent investment needed to fix social care crisis**



# Green Party

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The Green Party has responded to a BBC investigation which revealed care firms have cancelled contracts with 95 UK councils, saying they cannot deliver services for the amount they are being paid [1].

Jonathan Bartley, Green Party co-leader, said:

“We are staring down the barrel of a social care crisis and the only way to fix it is proper investment. It is ludicrous that the Government keeps starving councils of funding and still expects them to deliver high quality social care and other vital services like libraries and youth centres.

“The £2bn over three years added in the budget for social care is simply not enough to sustain a system that is already on the verge of collapse because of the Government’s failure to act. Proper social care for the elderly should be a red line.

“The Green Party is the only party proposing that we make the right choice to invest in a secure future for our older people with free social care for everyone over 65.”

## Notes:

1. <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-39321579>

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