



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

EDUCATION AND CULTURE COMMITTEE

MINUTES

22nd Meeting, 2013 (Session 4)

Tuesday 10 September 2013

Present:

George Adam
Jayne Baxter
Neil Bibby (Deputy Convener)
Joan McAlpine
Liz Smith

Clare Adamson
Colin Beattie
Stewart Maxwell (Convener)
Liam McArthur

The meeting opened at 10.00 am.

1. **Declaration of interests:** Jayne Baxter declared that she was a Councillor with Fife Council and a member of the trade union Unite.
2. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take items 6 and 7 in private.
3. **Choice of Deputy Convener:** The Committee chose Neil Bibby as its Deputy Convener.
4. **Children and Young People (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee took evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from witnesses representing children's perspectives—

Jackie Brock, Chief Executive, Children in Scotland;

Alex Cole-Hamilton, Head of Policy, Aberlour Child Care Trust;

Duncan Dunlop, Chief Executive, Who Cares? Scotland;

and then from witnesses representing parents' perspectives—

Clare Simpson, Project Manager, Parenting across Scotland;

Lori Summers;

Claire Telfer, Head of Policy, Advocacy & Campaigns (Scotland), Save the Children;

Caroline Wilson.

5. **Public petition PE1395:** The Committee agreed to defer consideration of PE1395 by Jan Culik, on targeted funding for lesser taught languages and cultures at universities, until its next meeting.
6. **Draft Budget Scrutiny 2014-15 (in private):** The Committee agreed its approach to the scrutiny of the Scottish Government's Draft Budget 2014-15.
7. **Inquiry into decision making on whether to take children into care (in private):** The Committee considered a draft report. Various changes were agreed to, and the Committee agreed to consider a revised draft, in private, at its next meeting.

The meeting closed at 12.50 pm.

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