



FINANCE COMMITTEE

MINUTES

7th Meeting, 2012 (Session 4)

Wednesday 29 February 2012

Present:

Gavin Brown	Kenneth Gibson (Convener)
John Mason (Deputy Convener)	Mark McDonald
Elaine Murray	Paul Wheelhouse

Apologies were received from Michael McMahon.

The meeting opened at 10.00 am.

1. **UK Budget: Institute for Fiscal Studies:** The Committee took evidence from—

Paul Johnson, Director, Institute for Fiscal Studies.

2. **Budget 2012-13 -preventative spending:** The Committee took evidence on the Scottish Government's response to the Committee's Report on the Scottish Spending Review 2011 and Draft Budget 2012-13 from—

Angela Cullen, Assistant Director, Audit Scotland;

Ron Culley, Team Leader Health & Social Care, Convention of Scottish Local Authorities;

David Dorward, Honorary Treasurer, Society of Local Authority Chief Executives (Scotland);

John Downie, Director of Public Affairs, Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations;

Dr Laurence Gruer, Director of Public Health Science, NHS Health Scotland;

Mark McAteer, Chair, Improvement Service.

The meeting closed at 1.00 pm.

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