



## LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND REGENERATION COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

10th Meeting, 2013 (Session 4)

Wednesday 27 March 2013

Present:

Stuart McMillan	Anne McTaggart
Margaret Mitchell	John Pentland
Stewart Stevenson	Kevin Stewart (Convener)
John Wilson (Deputy Convener)	

In attendance: Bill Howat - Committee Advisor

The meeting opened at 10.00 am.

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take item 4 in private.
2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee considered the following negative instrument—

Non-Domestic Rates (Enterprise Areas) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2013 (SSI 2013/78).

The Committee agreed not to make any recommendations to the Parliament in relation to this instrument.

3. **Public services reform and local government: strand 3 - developing new ways of delivering services:** The Committee took evidence, in round-table format, from—

Alison Todd, Children and Family Service Director (Policy and Practice), Children 1st;

Lorraine McMillan, Chief Executive, East Renfrewshire Council;

David White, Assistant General Manager, Edinburgh Community Health

Partnership;

Ian Welsh, Chief Executive, Health and Social Care Alliance Scotland;

Derick Murray, Director, and Alex Geddes, Health and Transport Steering Group co-ordinator, NESTRANS;

James Thomson, Public Sector Audit Manager, Scott-Moncrieff;

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

Dave Watson, Scottish Organiser, UNISON.

4. **Draft Budget Scrutiny 2014-15 (in private):** The Committee considered its approach to the scrutiny of the Scottish Government's Draft Budget 2014-15.

The Committee agreed:

The themes for evidence taking;

To ask witnesses invited to provide a written submission on these themes, in advance of the oral evidence sessions, and to issue a public call for written evidence;

The Committee's response to the Finance Committee, on the provision of performance information;

To seek the appointment of an adviser in relation to its scrutiny of the Draft Budget 2014-15/Spending Review 2013 in the Autumn;

To consider any oral evidence received at the end of the each meeting, in private;

To take any further consideration of our approach to pre-budget or draft budget scrutiny in private, at future meetings;

To consider all draft Committee reports on the Draft Budget 2014/15/Spending Review 2013, in private, and

To delegate to the Convener, responsibility for arranging to pay witnesses expenses, under the SPCB witness expense scheme.

5. **Public services reform and local government: strand 3 - developing new ways of delivering services (in private):** The Committee considered the evidence received.

The meeting closed at 12.30 pm.

David Cullum  
Clerk to the Local Government and Regeneration Committee  
Room T3.60  
The Scottish Parliament  
Edinburgh  
Tel: 0131 348 5223  
Email: david.cullum@scottish.parliament.uk