

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND REGENERATION COMMITTEE

MINUTES

19th Meeting, 2013 (Session 4)

Wednesday 12 June 2013

Present:

Stuart McMillan
Margaret Mitchell
Kevin Stewart (Convener)

Anne McTaggart
John Pentland
John Wilson (Deputy Convener)

In attendance: Ian Wall - Committee Adviser

The meeting opened at 10.00 am.

- 1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take items 5, 6 and 7 in private.
- 2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee considered the following negative instrument—

Building (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2013 (SSI 2013/143).

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

3. **Delivery of Regeneration in Scotland:** The Committee took evidence from—

David Fletcher, Assistant Director of Regeneration, Glasgow Housing Association;

Dr Colleen Rowan, Membership and Policy Officer, Glasgow and West of Scotland Forum of Housing Associations;

Craig Sanderson, Chief Executive, Link Group Ltd;

Pauline Barbour, Policy Consultant, Scottish Federation of Housing

Associations;

Gavin Corbett, Policy Adviser, Shelter Scotland;

Professor Carol Tannahill, Director, Glasgow Centre for Population Health, GoWell;

Dr Peter Matthews, Lecturer in School of the Built Environment, Heriot Watt University;

Annette Hastings, Senior Lecturer in Urban Studies, University of Glasgow.

- 4. **Delivery of Regeneration in Scotland (in private):** The Committee considered the evidence received.
- 5. **Draft Budget Scrutiny 2014-15 (in private):** The Committee considered and agreed a draft remit and person-specification for the post of adviser as part of its approach to the scrutiny of the Scottish Government's Draft Budget 2014-15.
- 6. Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Bill (in private): The Committee considered its approach to the scrutiny of the Bill at Stage 1, and agreed that it wished to consider those parts of the Bill relevant to its remit. The Committee also agreed not to issue its own call for written evidence, but to ask to include questions in the call for evidence being issued by the Health and Sport Committee, as the lead committee for Bill. Furthermore, the Committee agreed to take oral evidence on the Bill, after the summer recess, and to report its findings and recommendations to the lead committee, by way of a memorandum.
- 7. Children and Young People (Scotland) Bill (in private): The Committee considered its approach to the scrutiny of the Bill at Stage 1, and agreed that it wished to consider those parts of the Bill relevant to its remit. The Committee also agreed not to issue its own call for written evidence, but to consider relevant submissions received by the Education and Culture Committee, as the lead committee for Bill, in response to that committee's call for written evidence. Furthermore, the Committee agreed to take oral evidence on the Bill, after the summer recess. Given the parallels in policy between the Bill and the Public Bodies (Joint Working)(Scotland) Bill in relation to issues such as joint working and the development of shared services the Committee agreed to take oral evidence from relevant witnesses, jointly, on both Bills. Finally, the Committee agreed to take evidence from the relevant Scottish Ministers on both Bills, and to report its findings and recommendations to the lead committee, by way of a memorandum.

The meeting closed at 12.48 pm.

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