



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

INFRASTRUCTURE AND CAPITAL INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

MINUTES

3rd Meeting, 2012 (Session 4)

Wednesday 8 February 2012

Present:

Malcolm Chisholm

Adam Ingram

Gordon MacDonald

Maureen Watt (Convener)

Jamie Hepburn (Deputy Convener)

Alex Johnstone

Margaret McCulloch

In attendance: Judith Morrison and Eileen Threlfall, from the Office of the Solicitor to the Scottish Parliament; and Dr Ian Duncan, Clerk to the European and External Relations Committee.

The meeting opened at 10.00 am.

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take item 6 and future consideration of related draft reports in private.
2. **Homelessness:** The Committee heard evidence from—

Keith Brown, Minister for Housing and Transport, and Marion Gibbs, Team Leader, Housing Options and Services Unit, Scottish Government.
3. **Scottish Social Housing Charter:** The Committee heard evidence from—

Keith Brown, Minister for Housing and Transport, William Fleming, Branch Head, and Anne Cook, Tenant Participation Development Manager, Social Housing and Strategy Unit, Scottish Government.
4. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee noted the following instrument, not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

the Private Rented Housing (Scotland) Act 2011 (Commencement No. 2 and Transitional Provision) Order 2012: SSI 2012/2 (C. 2).

5. **European Union legislative proposals:** The Committee considered the following European Union legislative proposals, in the context of potential subsidiarity issues—

Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on procurement by entities operating in the water, energy, transport and postal services sectors (COM(2011) 895); and

Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on public procurement (COM(2011) 896)

and agreed write to: the House of Lords EU Sub-Committee on Internal Market, Energy and Transport; the Scottish Government; and Scotland's MEPs, in relation to these matters.

6. **Homelessness and the Scottish Social Housing Charter:** The Committee considered the evidence heard during the meeting and at previous evidence sessions and agreed to report the findings from its work on homelessness and to write to the Minister for Housing and Transport with its views on the Scottish Social Housing Charter.

The meeting closed at 12.07 pm.

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