



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND REGENERATION COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

5th Meeting, 2016 (Session 4)

Wednesday 3 February 2016

Present:

George Adam  
Cameron Buchanan  
Kevin Stewart (Convener)

Jayne Baxter  
Willie Coffey

Apologies were received from Cara Hilton, John Wilson (Deputy Convener).

The meeting opened at 10.00 am.

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee decided to take items 7 and 8 in private.
2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee took evidence on the Local Authority (Capital Finance and Accounting) (Scotland) Regulations 2016 [draft] from—

John Swinney, Deputy First Minister of Scotland and Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Constitution and the Economy supported by Hazel Black, Head of Local Authority Accounting, Local Government Finance and Local Taxation Unit and Colin Brown, Senior Principal Legal Officer, Scottish Government.

3. **Subordinate legislation:** John Swinney (Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for finance, constitution and the economy) moved—S4M-15459— That the Local Government and Regeneration Committee recommends that the Local Authority (Capital Finance and Accounting) (Scotland) Regulations 2016 [draft] be approved.

The motion was approved.

4. **Draft Budget Scrutiny 2016-17:** The Committee took evidence on the Scottish Government's Draft Budget 2016-17 from—

John Swinney, Deputy First Minister of Scotland and Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Constitution and the Economy supported by Graham Owenson, Head and Marianne Cook, Policy Manager, Local Government Finance and Local Taxation Unit, Scottish Government.

5. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee considered the following negative instrument—

Local Government Pension Scheme (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/448).

6. **Scottish Public Services Ombudsman:** The Committee took evidence from—

Jim Martin, Scottish Public Services Ombudsman;

Niki Maclean, Director, Paul McFadden, Head of Complaints Standards, and Emma Gray, Head of Policy and Communications, Scottish Public Services Ombudsman.

7. **Scottish Public Services Ombudsman:** The Committee considered the evidence it has received.

8. **Draft Budget Scrutiny 2016-17:** The Committee considered the evidence it has received.

The meeting closed at 12.18 pm.

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