



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND REGENERATION COMMITTEE

MINUTES

6th Meeting, 2016 (Session 4)

Wednesday 10 February 2016

Present:

George Adam

Willie Coffey

Kevin Stewart (Convener)

Jayne Baxter

Cara Hilton

John Wilson (Deputy Convener)

Apologies were received from Cameron Buchanan.

The meeting opened at 10.00 am.

1. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee took evidence on the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (Designation of Persons as Scottish Public Authorities) Order 2016 [draft] from—

Joe FitzPatrick, Minister for Parliamentary Business, supported by Andrew Gunn, Freedom of Information Policy Officer, and Emily Williams, Principal Legal Officer, Scottish Government.

2. **Subordinate legislation:** Joe FitzPatrick (Minister for Parliamentary Business) moved—S4M-15235—that the Local Government and Regeneration Committee recommends that the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (Designation of Persons as Scottish Public Authorities) Order 2016 [draft] be approved.

The motion was approved.

3. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee considered the following negative instruments—

Local Governance (Scotland) Act 2004 (Remuneration) Amendment Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/6);

Scottish Local Government Elections Amendment Order 2016 (SSI 2016/7);

Representation of the People (Absent Voting at Local Government Elections) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/8); and

Local Government Pension Scheme (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/32).

The Committee agreed to make no recommendations in relation to the instruments.

4. **Follow-up from Scottish local government elections 2012:** The Committee took evidence from—

Mary Pitcaithly, Convener, and Chris Highcock, Secretary, Electoral Management Board for Scotland.

The meeting closed at 11.11 am.

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