



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND REGENERATION COMMITTEE

MINUTES

1st Meeting, 2016 (Session 4)

Wednesday 6 January 2016

Present:

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| George Adam | Jayne Baxter |
| Cameron Buchanan | Willie Coffey |
| Cara Hilton | Kevin Stewart (Convener) |
| John Wilson (Deputy Convener) | |

The meeting opened at 10.00 am.

1. **Burial and Cremation (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee took evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—

Gerard Hannah, Strategic Change Manager, Renfrewshire Council;

Audrey Hardie, Cemeteries Officer, East Dunbartonshire Council;

Ian Kearns, Team Leader, Burial Grounds and Registrars, and Willie Rennie, Environmental and Commercial Services Manager, Inverclyde Council;

Bruce Reekie, Waste Service and Community Greenspace Manager, Perth and Kinross Council;

Kevin Robertson, Service Manager (Parks and Burial Grounds), Angus Council;

Dr Salah Beltagui, Director of Council, Muslim Council of Scotland;

Stirling Marcus, Legal Adviser, Commonwealth War Graves Commission;

Jim Nickerson, General Manager, Edinburgh Crematorium Limited;

Fraser Sutherland, Policy Officer, Citizens Advice Scotland;

Rev. Bill Taylor, Chaplaincy Adviser, Scottish Prison Service.

2. **Burial and Cremation (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee considered the evidence it has received.

The meeting closed at 12.04 pm.

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