



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND REGENERATION COMMITTEE

MINUTES

8th Meeting, 2016 (Session 4)

Wednesday 2 March 2016

Present:

George Adam

Cameron Buchanan

Kevin Stewart (Convener)

Jayne Baxter

Willie Coffey

John Wilson (Deputy Convener)

Apologies were received from Cara Hilton.

The meeting opened at 10.00 am.

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee decided to take item 4 in private at this and future meetings.
2. **Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland:** The Committee took evidence from—

Bill Thomson, Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland;

Brenda McKinney, Investigations Manager, Office of the Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland.

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

The Building (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/70);

The Building (Energy Performance of Buildings) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/71);

The Disabled Persons (Badges for Motor Vehicles) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations (SSI 2016/72);

The Local Government Pension Scheme (Management and Investment of Funds) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/74); and

The Charities Accounts (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/76).

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

4. **Legacy paper:** The Committee considered a draft report reflecting on its work during the current session and suggesting priorities for Session 5. Various changes were agreed to, and the report was agreed for publication.
5. **Inquiry into arm's length external organisations (in private):** The Committee considered a draft report. Various changes were agreed to, and the report was agreed for publication.

The meeting closed at 11.29 am.

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