



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE AND LAND REFORM COMMITTEE

MINUTES

11th Meeting, 2016 (Session 5)

Tuesday 15 November 2016

Present:

Graeme Dey (Convener)
Jenny Gilruth
Emma Harper
Mark Ruskell

Kate Forbes
Maurice Golden (Deputy Convener)
Angus MacDonald
David Stewart

Apologies were received from Claudia Beamish, Alexander Burnett and Finlay Carson.

The meeting opened at 10.01 am.

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take items 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 in private.
2. **Budget scrutiny of the Scottish Government's draft budget 2017-18:** The Committee took evidence from—

Jo Green, Chief Officer, Performance and Innovation Portfolio, Lin Bunten, Head of Regulatory Services, and David Faichney, Flood Act Business Change Manager, Scottish Environment Protection Agency.
3. **Draft Budget Scrutiny 2017-18 (in private):** The Committee considered evidence heard earlier in the meeting on the Scottish Government's Draft Budget 2017-18.
4. **Draft climate change plan (RPP3) (in private):** The Committee considered its approach to the inquiry.
5. **Deer management (in private):** The Committee agreed its approach to the forthcoming report from Scottish Natural Heritage on the review of deer management in Scotland.

6. **Biodiversity: Scotland's progress to 2020 (in private):** The Committee considered its response to the Scottish Government and will consider this again at next week's meeting.
7. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee agreed its work programme. This will be published on the Committee's website in due course.

The meeting closed at 12.33 pm.

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