



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE AND LAND REFORM COMMITTEE

MINUTES

7th Meeting, 2021 (Session 5)

Tuesday 16 February 2021

Present:

Claudia Beamish
Angus MacDonald
Mark Ruskell
Stewart Stevenson

Finlay Carson (Deputy Convener)
Gillian Martin (Convener)
Liz Smith

The meeting opened at 9.00 am.

1. **EU exit and the environment:** The Committee took evidence from—

Professor Colin Reid, University of Dundee;

Dr Viviane Gravey, Queen's University Belfast;

Professor Campbell Gemmill, Consulting Partner, Canopus Scotland and Visiting Professor, University of Strathclyde;

Lloyd Austin, Convener of Scottish Environment LINK's Governance Group and a board member of the European Environmental Bureau;

Jim Martin, Chair, Environmental Standards Scotland;

Lisa McGuinness, Deputy Director Head of Compliance, Marine Scotland;

Robbie Kernahan, Director of Sustainable Growth, NatureScot;

Terry A'Hearn, Chief Executive Officer, SEPA.

2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee took evidence on the Single Use Carrier Bags Charge (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2021 [draft] from—

Roseanna Cunningham, Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform;

Catriona Graham, Circular Economy Bill Manager, and Gareth Heavisides, Circular Economy Team Leader, Scottish Government.

3. **Subordinate legislation:** Roseanna Cunningham, Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform, moved—S5M-23854—That the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee recommends that Single Use Carrier Bags Charge (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2021 [draft] be approved.

After debate, the motion was agreed to.

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

Crofting Community Right to Buy (Procedure, Ballots and Forms) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2021.

The Committee agreed to make no recommendations in relation to this instrument.

Angus MacDonald declared an interest as an owner of domestic and nondomestic crofting properties in the Western Isles.

5. **EU exit and the environment (in private):** The Committee considered the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

The meeting closed at 12.33 pm.

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