



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

JUSTICE COMMITTEE

AGENDA

19th Meeting, 2017 (Session 5)

Tuesday 23 May 2017

The Committee will meet at 10.00 am in the Mary Fairfax Somerville Room (CR2).

1. **Scottish Fire and Rescue Service:** The Committee will review the operation of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 as it relates to the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service by taking evidence from—

Alasdair Hay, Chief Officer, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service;

Pat Watters, Chair, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Board;

Chris McGlone, Executive Council Member, Region 1, Scotland, Fire Brigades Union;

Derek Jackson, Branch Secretary, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Branch, Unison Scotland.

2. **Limitation (Childhood Abuse) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the Bill at Stage 2.
3. **Justice Sub-Committee on Policing:** The Committee will consider a report back from the Sub-Committee meeting on 18 May 2017.

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The papers for this meeting are as follows—

Agenda item 1

Paper by the clerk - Scottish Fire and Rescue Service J/S5/17/19/1

Private paper - Scottish Fire and Rescue Service J/S5/17/19/2 (P)

[Police and Fire Reform \(Scotland\) Act 2012](#)

Agenda item 2

[Limitation \(Childhood Abuse\) \(Scotland\) Bill and all associated documents](#)

Agenda item 3

Paper by the clerk - Justice Sub-Committee on Policing J/S5/17/19/3 (P)

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Note by the clerk

Introduction

1. Under the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 (the 2012 Act), on 1 April 2013 the eight fire and rescue services in Scotland were replaced by the single Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS). The Justice Committee is responsible for keeping under review the operation of the 2012 Act in respect of the fire and rescue service.

Justice Committee consideration

2. At its meeting on Tuesday 23 May the Justice Committee will take evidence from Alasdair Hay, Chief Officer of the SFRS; Pat Watters, Chair of the SFRS Board; Chris McGlone, Executive Council Member for Scotland, Fire Brigades Union; and Derek Jackson, Branch Secretary, SFRS Branch, UNISON.
3. The evidence session will explore issues relating to the operation of the SFRS, such as the financial challenges facing the SFRS, the recruitment and retention of fire service staff and the closure of control rooms in the north of Scotland.

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Feedback from the Justice Sub-Committee on Policing

Note by the clerk

1. The Justice Sub-Committee on Policing met on 18 May 2017 when it held an evidence session on governance of the Scottish Police Authority.
2. The Sub-Committee took evidence from: Andrew Flanagan, Chair, and John Foley, Chief Executive of the Scottish Police Authority.
3. The Sub-Committee will next meet on 1 June, when it will take evidence from Police Scotland and the Scottish Police Authority on the Auditor General's 2015-16 audit of the Scottish Police Authority and its review of Police Scotland's i6 programme.