



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

JUSTICE COMMITTEE

MINUTES

10th Meeting, 2018 (Session 5)

Tuesday 20 March 2018

Present:

George Adam	Maurice Corry
John Finnie	Daniel Johnson
Liam Kerr	Fulton MacGregor
Rona Mackay (Deputy Convener)	Ben Macpherson
Liam McArthur	Margaret Mitchell (Convener)

Apologies were received from Mairi Gougeon.

The meeting opened at 10.00 am.

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take item 6 in private.
2. **Remand:** The Committee took evidence from—

Marie Cairns, Family Visitor Centre Manager, CrossReach;

Neil Clark, Project Co-ordinator, HMP Kilmarnock Mental Health Advocacy Service, representing East Ayrshire Advocacy Services;

Elaine Stalker, Deputy Chief Executive, Families Outside;

Colin McConnell, Chief Executive, Scottish Prison Service.

In relation to a discussion about remand prisoners with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) Daniel Johnson declared an interest as a person diagnosed with ADHD, for which he was taking medication.

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

Premises Licence (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2018 (SSI 2018/49).

The Committee noted a response from the Scottish Government to a concern raised, when the instrument was first considered at the meeting on 6 March 2018, that there appeared to be potentially contradictory information in the accompanying policy note. The Committee was content with the explanation provided by the Scottish Government and agreed to make no recommendation in relation to the instrument.

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

Sheriff Court Fees Order 2018 (SSI 2018/81);

Sheriff Appeal Court Fees Order 2018 (SSI 2018/82);

Court of Session etc. Fees Order 2018 (SSI 2018/83);

High Court of Justiciary Fees Order 2018 (SSI 2018/84);

Justice of the Peace Court Fees (Scotland) Order 2018 (SSI 2018/85);

Adults with Incapacity (Public Guardian's Fees) (Scotland) Regulations 2018 (SSI 2018/86).

The Committee agreed to write to the Scottish Government seeking clarification in relation to points raised on the instruments and to make no recommendations in relation to the instruments.

5. **Justice Sub-Committee on Policing:** The Committee noted a report back from the Convener of the Sub-Committee on the meeting held on 15 March 2018.
6. **Police and fire and rescue services (in private):** The Committee agreed its approach to its future scrutiny of the police and fire and rescue services.

The meeting closed at 12.13 pm.

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