



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

JUSTICE COMMITTEE

MINUTES

23rd Meeting, 2018 (Session 5)

Tuesday 18 September 2018

Present:

John Finnie	Daniel Johnson
Liam Kerr	Fulton MacGregor
Rona Mackay (Deputy Convener)	Liam McArthur
Margaret Mitchell (Convener)	Shona Robison

Apologies were received from Jenny Gilruth.

The meeting opened at 10.00 am.

1. **Declaration of interests:** Fulton MacGregor was invited to declare any relevant interests. Mr MacGregor declared that he is registered with the Scottish Social Services Council.
2. **Post-legislative scrutiny of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012:** The Committee took evidence, in round-table format, from—

Chief Superintendent Ivor Marshall, President, Association of Scottish Police Superintendents;

Councillor Elena Whitham, Spokesperson for Community Wellbeing, and Mike Callaghan, Policy Manager, COSLA;

Denise Christie, Scottish Regional Secretary, Fire Brigades Union Scotland;

Sandy Brindley, Chief Executive, Rape Crisis Scotland;

Professor Nick Fyfe, Founding Director, Scottish Institute for Policing Research.

3. **Proposed integration of the British Transport Police in Scotland into Police Scotland:** The Committee took evidence from—

Humza Yousaf, Cabinet Secretary for Justice, and Donna Bell, Deputy Director, Police Division, Scottish Government.

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

Sheriff Court Fees Amendment Order 2018 (SSI 2018/194).

The Committee agreed to make no recommendation in relation to the instrument.

5. **Appointment of European Union Reporter:** The Committee agreed to appoint Liam McArthur as its European Union Reporter.
6. **Justice Sub-Committee on Policing:** The Committee noted a report back from the Convener of the Sub-Committee on the meeting held on 13 September 2018.

The meeting closed at 12.40 pm.

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