



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE

MINUTES

5th Meeting, 2021 (Session 5)

Wednesday 3 February 2021

Present:

Jeremy Balfour (Committee Substitute)	Sarah Boyack (Deputy Convener)
Keith Brown	James Dornan (Convener)
Gordon MacDonald	Alexander Stewart
Andy Wightman	

Apologies were received from Annie Wells.

The meeting opened at 9.00 am.

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take in private item 7 and future consideration of any draft Stage 1 report on the Travelling Funfairs (Licensing) (Scotland) Bill.
2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee took evidence on the Town and Country Planning (Short-term Let Control Areas) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 [draft] and the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 (Licensing of Short-term Lets) Order 2021 [draft] from—

Kevin Stewart, Minister for Local Government, Housing and Planning, Norman MacLeod, Senior Principal Legal Officer, Planning and Built Environment, and Andrew Mott, Head of Housing Markets, Strategy and North Programmes, More Homes Division, Scottish Government.

Sarah Boyack declared that she was previously employed as Head of Public Affairs for the Scottish Federation of Housing Associations.

3. **Subordinate legislation:** The Minister for Local Government, Housing and Planning moved—S5M-23719—That the Local Government and Communities Committee recommends that the Town and Country Planning (Short-term Let Control Areas) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 [draft] be approved.

After debate, the motion was agreed to (by division: For 6, Against 1, Abstentions 0).

4. **Subordinate legislation:** The Minister for Local Government, Housing and Planning moved—S5M-23718—That the Local Government and Communities Committee recommends that the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 (Licensing of Short-term Lets) Order 2021 [draft] be approved.

After debate, the motion was agreed to (by division: For 4, Against 3, Abstentions 0).

5. **Travelling Funfairs (Licensing) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee took evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—

Richard Lyle, Member in charge of the Bill;

Nick Hawthorne, Senior Assistant Clerk, Non-Government Bills Unit, Scottish Parliament.

Andy Wightman indicated that he is Deputy Convener of the Scottish Showmen's Guild Cross-Party Group.

6. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee considered the following negative instrument- Local Governance (Scotland) Act 2004 (Remuneration) Amendment Regulations 2021 (2021/18)

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

7. **Travelling Funfairs (Licensing) (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee considered the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

The meeting closed at 12.16 pm.

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