



## PUBLIC PETITIONS COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

11th Meeting, 2017 (Session 5)

Thursday 25 May 2017

Present:

Johann Lamont (Convener)  
Brian Whittle  
Maurice Corry

Angus MacDonald (Deputy Convener)  
Rona Mackay

Also present: Kate Forbes (PE1646 and PE1591), Murdo Fraser (PE1577), Rhoda Grant (PE1591 and PE1639).

The meeting opened at 9.00 am.

1. **Consideration of a continued petition:** The Committee considered a continued petition—

PE1408 by Mrs Andrea MacArthur on updating of pernicious anaemia-vitamin B12 deficiency understanding & treatment and took evidence from the Minister for Public Health and Sport; Elizabeth Sadler, Deputy Director of Planning and Quality and Dr Padmini Mishra, Senior Medical Officer, Office of the Chief Medical Officer. The Committee agreed to reflect on the evidence and consider a note by the clerk at a future meeting.

2. **Consideration of a new petition:** The Committee considered the following new petitions—

PE1646 by Caroline Hayes on drinking water supplies in Scotland and took evidence from Caroline Hayes and Lesley Dudgeon, Secretary, Kincaig & Vicinity Community Council. The Committee agreed to write to the Scottish Government, Scottish Water, Drinking Water Quality Regulator, the Scottish Environment Protection Agency, Water Industry Commission for Scotland, NHS Highland, Strathspey & Badenoch Water Action Group and to inform the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee of the petition.

PE1647 by Angus O'Henley on protection for all employees in NHS Scotland. The Committee agreed to write to the Scottish Government, the Law Society of Scotland, the British Medical Association, NHS Scotland's Partnership Information Network, the Royal College of Nursing, the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service, the Health and Safety Executive, Unison and Unite.

3. **Consideration of continued petitions:** The Committee considered the following continued petitions—

PE1480 by Amanda Kopel on behalf of The Frank Kopel Alzheimer's Awareness Campaign on alzheimer's and dementia awareness / PE1533 by Jeff Adamson on behalf of Scotland Against the Care Tax on abolition of non-residential social care charges for older and disabled people. The Committee agreed to write to the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport.

PE1577 by Rachael Wallace on adult cerebral palsy service. The Committee agreed to write to the Scottish Government.

PE1581 by Duncan Wright on behalf of Save Scotland's School Libraries on save Scotland's school libraries. The Committee agreed to write to the Deputy First Minister.

PE1591 by Catriona MacDonald on behalf of SOS-NHS on major redesign of healthcare services in Skye, Lochalsh and South West Ross. The Committee agreed to write to the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport.

PE1603 by Mairi Campbell-Jack and Douglas Beattie on behalf of Quaker in Scotland & Forces Watch on ensuring greater scrutiny, guidance and consultation on armed forces visits to schools in Scotland. The Committee agreed to write to the Scottish Government.

PE1639 by Maureen Macmillan on enterprise agency boards. The Committee agreed to close the petition under Standing Orders Rule 15.7 on the basis that the Scottish Government has decided to retain enterprise agency boards as part of its enterprise skills review.

The meeting closed at 11.17 am.

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