



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

PUBLIC PETITIONS COMMITTEE

MINUTES

3rd Meeting, 2017 (Session 5)

Thursday 9 February 2017

Present:

Maurice Corry
Angus MacDonald (Deputy Convener)
Brian Whittle

Johann Lamont (Convener)
Rona Mackay

Also present: Finlay Carson

The meeting opened at 9.15 am.

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take item 4 in private.
2. **Consideration of continued petitions:** The Committee considered the following continued petitions—

PE1319 by William Smith and Scott Robertson on improving youth football in Scotland and took evidence from Tam Baillie, Children and Young People's Commissioner Scotland. The Committee agreed to reflect on the evidence heard at a future meeting and thereafter invite further oral evidence from the Scottish Football Association, the Scottish Professional Football League and the Scottish Government.

PE1605 by Peter Gregson, on behalf of Kids not Suits, on whistleblowing in the NHS - a safer way to report mismanagement and bullying and took evidence from Laura Callender, Governance and Compliance Manager and Kirsty-Louise Campbell, Head of Strategy (interim), Strategy and Insight Division, City of Edinburgh Council; Cathy James, Chief Executive and Andrew Pepper-Parsons, Head of Policy, Public Concern at Work; Tam Hiddleston, Secretary, Scottish Healthcare Branch, UNISON Scotland. The Committee agreed to reflect on the evidence heard at the meeting and to consider options for future action on the petition after it hears evidence from the Chief Executive of NHS Scotland at its next

meeting.

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

PE1595 by Alexander Taylor on moratorium on shared space schemes. The Committee agreed to write to the Minister for Transport and the Islands and Sustrans.

PE1610 by Matt Halliday on upgrade the A75. The Committee agreed to consider a note from the clerk on options for a fact-finding visit.

4. **Proposed petitions (in private):** The Committee considered a note by the Clerk. The Committee agreed to publish information on proposed petitions.

The meeting closed at 11.20 am.

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