



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

PUBLIC PETITIONS COMMITTEE

MINUTES

19th Meeting, 2017 (Session 5)

Thursday 26 October 2017

Present:

Michelle Ballantyne	Johann Lamont (Convener)
Angus MacDonald (Deputy Convener)	Rona Mackay
Brian Whittle	

Also present: Maree Todd (PE1671)

The meeting opened at 9.16 am.

1. **Consideration of new petitions:** The Committee considered the following new petitions—

[PE1671](#) by Lisa Harvey and Andrea Goddard on behalf of Let's Get MAD For Wildlife on Sale and use of glue traps and took evidence from Andrea Goddard, Let's Get MAD for Wildlife; Claire Bass, Executive Director, Humane Society International UK; and Dr Elizabeth Mullineaux, Veterinary surgeon, Wild Animal Welfare Committee. The Committee agreed to write to the Scottish Government, SSPCA, National Pest Technicians Association and the Pest Management Alliance.

[PE1670](#) by James Cassidy on Reform the Scottish electoral system to make it democratic and accountable. The Committee agreed to write to the Scottish Government and the Electoral Commission.

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

[PE1408](#) by Andrea MacArthur on Updating of Pernicious Anaemia-VitaminB12 Deficiency understanding & treatment. The Committee agreed to write to the Scottish Government.

[PE1517](#) by Elaine Holmes and Olive McIlroy on behalf of Scottish Mesh Survivors - "Hear Our Voice" campaign on Polypropylene Mesh Medical Devices. The Committee agreed to consider a draft report in private at a

future meeting.

[PE1545](#) by Ann Maxwell on behalf of Muir Maxwell Trust on Residential care provision for the severely learning disabled. The Committee agreed to write to the Scottish Government.

[PE1596](#) by Paul Anderson, James McDermott, Chris Daly on In Care Survivors Service Scotland. The Committee agreed to write to the Scottish Government.

[PE1607](#) by Peter Gregson on behalf of Kids not Suits on Congestion charging in major Scottish cities. The Committee agreed to close the petition under Rule 15.7 of Standing Orders on the basis that the Scottish Government has indicated that it will seek to introduce Low Emission Zones in Scotland's four biggest cities by 2020. In doing so, the Committee agreed to make the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee aware of the petition in relation to its inquiry into air quality in Scotland.

[PE1616](#) by John S Shaw on Parking Legislation. The Committee agreed to write to the Scottish Government.

[PE1621](#) by James Robertson on Sepsis Awareness, Diagnosis and Treatment. The Committee agreed to close the petition under Rule 15.7 of Standing Orders on the basis that the Scottish Government has confirmed that it will launch a public awareness campaign and indicated that it intends to launch this campaign in early 2018.

[PE1627](#) by Annette McKenzie on Consent for mental health treatment for people under 18 years of age. The Committee agreed to invite young people's mental health charities and the Minister for Mental Health to provide evidence at future meetings.

[PE1631](#) by Maureen McVey on Child Welfare Hearings. The Committee agreed to write to the Scottish Government.

[PE1646](#) by Caroline Hayes on Drinking water supplies in Scotland. The Committee agreed to write to Scottish Water and to highlight the issues raised in the petition to the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee.

[PE1647](#) by Angus O'Henley on Protection for all employees in NHS Scotland. The Committee agreed to close the petition under Rule 15.7 of Standing Orders on the basis that existing legislation and common law provide the protection called for in the petition. In closing the petition, the Committee agreed to write to the Scottish Government to note that legislation needs to be supported by public education and enforcement of existing legislation.

The meeting closed at 11.00 am.

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