



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

PUBLIC AUDIT AND POST-LEGISLATIVE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

26th Meeting, 2020 (Session 5)

Thursday 19 November 2020

Present:

Colin Beattie

Bill Bowman

Alex Neil

Graham Simpson (Deputy Convener)

Neil Bibby

Willie Coffey

Anas Sarwar (Acting Convener)

The meeting opened at 9.30 am.

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take agenda items 3 and 4 in private.
2. **Key audit themes - Data collection and planning for outcomes:** The Committee took evidence from—

Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;

Alex Hutchison, Director of the Data Collaborative for Children with UNICEF, The Data Lab;

Linda Hutton, Research Team Manager, Citizens Advice Scotland;

Dr Emma Miller, Senior Research Fellow, School of Social Work and Social Policy, University of Strathclyde, representing Personal Outcomes Network;

Claire Sweeney, Director of Place and Wellbeing, Public Health Scotland;

Jennifer Wallace, Head of Policy, Carnegie UK.

3. **Key audit themes - Data collection and planning for outcomes (in private):** The Committee agreed to consider a summary of evidence at a future meeting and to write to the Scottish Government on issues raised during the session.

4. **Correspondence from the Finance and Constitution Committee (in private):** The Committee considered the correspondence and agreed to write to the Convener of the Finance and Constitution Committee with its response.

The meeting closed at 11.23 am.

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