



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

PUBLIC AUDIT AND POST-LEGISLATIVE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

16th Meeting, 2020 (Session 5)

Thursday 27 August 2020

Present:

Colin Beattie
Bill Bowman
Anas Sarwar (Acting Convener)

Neil Bibby
Willie Coffey
Alex Neil
Graham Simpson (Deputy Convener)

The meeting opened at 9.00 am.

1. **Declaration of interests:** Graham Simpson was invited to declare any relevant interests. Graham Simpson indicated he had no relevant interests to declare.
2. **Choice of Deputy Convener:** The Committee chose Graham Simpson as its new Deputy Convener.
3. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take agenda item 5 in private.
4. **Covid-19: Implications for public finances in Scotland:** The Committee took evidence from—

Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;

Mark Taylor, Audit Director, Audit Services, and Fiona Diggle, Audit Manager, Performance Audit and Best Value, Audit Scotland.

5. **Covid-19: Implications for public finances in Scotland (in private):** The Committee considered the evidence heard at agenda item 4 and took further evidence from—

Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;

Mark Taylor, Audit Director, Audit Services, and Fiona Diggle, Audit Manager, Performance Audit and Best Value, Audit Scotland.

The Committee agreed to write to relevant committees, Audit Scotland and the Accounts Commission on issues raised at the meeting.

The meeting closed at 10.54 am.

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