



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## **PUBLIC AUDIT AND POST-LEGISLATIVE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

### **MINUTES**

**6th Meeting, 2018 (Session 5)**

**Thursday 8 March 2018**

Present:

Colin Beattie

Willie Coffey

Iain Gray

Jenny Marra (Convener)

Bill Bowman

Kenneth Gibson (Committee Substitute)

Liam Kerr (Deputy Convener)

Apologies were received from Alex Neil.

The meeting opened at 9.00 am.

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take items 3 and 4 in private.
2. **Early learning and childcare:** The Committee took evidence on the Auditor General for Scotland's report from—

Caroline Gardner, Auditor General for Scotland;

Antony Clark, Assistant Director of Performance Audit and Best Value, Tricia Meldrum, Senior Manager, and Rebecca Smallwood, Senior Auditor, Audit Scotland.

3. **Early learning and childcare (in private):** The Committee considered the evidence heard at agenda item 2 and took further evidence from—

Caroline Gardner, Auditor General for Scotland;

Antony Clark, Assistant Director of Performance Audit and Best Value, Tricia Meldrum, Senior Manager, and Rebecca Smallwood, Senior Auditor, Audit Scotland.

4. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee considered and agreed its

future approach to its post-legislative scrutiny work programme. The Committee also agreed its future scrutiny of the 2016/17 NHS Tayside and 2016/17 Scottish Police Authority audits.

The meeting closed at 10.42 am.

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