



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

PUBLIC AUDIT AND POST-LEGISLATIVE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

7th Meeting, 2021 (Session 5)

Thursday 25 February 2021

Present:

Colin Beattie
Bill Bowman
Alex Neil

Neil Bibby
Jenny Marra (Convener)
Graham Simpson (Deputy Convener)

Apologies were received from Gail Ross.

The meeting opened at 9.00 am.

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take agenda items 4, 5, 6 and 7 in private.

2. **Major Capital Projects:** The Committee took evidence from—

Alyson Stafford, Director-General, Scottish Exchequer, Gary Gillespie, Chief Economist, Rachel Gwyon, Deputy Director, Infrastructure and Investment, and Alan Morrison, Deputy Director, Health Infrastructure, Scottish Government;

Bill Reeve, Director of Rail, Transport Scotland;

Kerry Alexander, Director of Infrastructure Finance and Programmes, and Gemma Boggs, Senior Associate Director, Social Infrastructure, Scottish Futures Trust.

3. **Section 23 report - NHS in Scotland 2020:** The Committee took evidence from—

Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;

Angela Canning, Audit Director, Leigh Johnston, Senior Manager, and Eva Thomas-Tudo, Senior Auditor, Performance Audit and Best Value, Audit

Scotland.

4. **Section 23 report - NHS in Scotland 2020 (in private):** The Committee considered the evidence heard at agenda item 3 and took further evidence from—

Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;

Angela Canning, Audit Director, Leigh Johnston, Senior Manager, and Eva Thomas-Tudo, Senior Auditor, Performance Audit and Best Value, Audit Scotland.

The Committee agreed to invite the Scottish Government to give oral evidence at a future meeting.

5. **Major Capital Projects (in private):** The Committee considered the evidence heard at agenda item 2 and took further evidence from—

Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;

Graeme Greenhill, Senior Manager, Performance Audit and Best Value, Audit Scotland.

The Committee agreed to wait on further information from the Scottish Government on issues raised during the meeting before considering its next steps.

6. **Post-legislative scrutiny - The Lobbying (Scotland) Act 2016 (in private):** The Committee noted the responses received in connection with its consultation on the draft report and agreed to consider a revised draft report at a future meeting.

7. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee considered its work programme. The Committee agreed to take evidence from the Scottish Government on the Audit Scotland report, Tracking the implications of Covid-19 on Scotland's public services, at a future meeting.

The meeting closed at 11.31 am.

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