



SOCIAL SECURITY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

6th Meeting, 2016 (Session 5)

Thursday 6 October 2016

Present:

George Adam
Gordon Lindhurst
Ruth Maguire
Sandra White (Convener)

Alison Johnstone
Ben Macpherson
Adam Tomkins

Apologies were received from Mark Griffin, Pauline McNeill (Deputy Convener).

The meeting opened at 9.30 am.

1. **Work programme priorities:** The Committee took evidence on its forward work programme priorities, in a round-table discussion, from—

John McArdle, Director, Black Triangle Campaign;

Dr Jim McCormick, Associate Director Scotland, Joseph Rowntree Scotland;

Craig Smith, Public Affairs Officer, Scottish Association for Mental Health (SAMH);

Elodie Mignard, Interim Refugee Integration Services Manager, Scottish Refugee Council;

David Formstone, Convenor, Community Care Standing Committee, Social Work Scotland;

Andrew Jackson, Head of Public Affairs, Scottish Federation of Housing Associations;

David Moxham, Deputy General Secretary, Scottish Trades Union Congress (STUC);

Helen Flanagan, PCS Industrial Officer, Public and Commercial Services Union (PCS).

2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee took evidence on the Council Tax Reduction (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2016: (SSI 2016/25) from—

Robin Haynes, Head of Council Tax, and Dave Sorensen, Statistician, Scottish Government.

3. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee considered the following negative instrument—

Council Tax Reduction (Scotland) Amendment (No.2) Regulations 2016(SSI 2016/253).

The Committee noted the instrument and did not make any recommendations.

The meeting closed at 11.09 am.

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