



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

EDUCATION AND CULTURE COMMITTEE

MINUTES

15th Meeting, 2013 (Session 4)

Tuesday 14 May 2013

Present:

George Adam

Colin Beattie

Mark Griffin (Committee Substitute)

Joan McAlpine

Liz Smith

Clare Adamson

Neil Findlay (Deputy Convener)

Stewart Maxwell (Convener)

Liam McArthur

Also present: Michael Russell (Cabinet Secretary for Education and Lifelong Learning) and Marco Biagi.

Apologies were received from Neil Bibby.

The meeting opened at 10.00 am.

1. **Inquiry into decision making on whether to take children into care:** The Committee took evidence from—

Professor Eileen Munro, Professor of Social Policy at London School of Economics and Political Science;

Professor Brigid Daniel, Professor of Social Work at University of Stirling.

2. **Post-16 Education (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee considered the Bill at Stage 2 (Day 1).

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 12, 7 and 9.

The following agreements were agreed to (by division)—

17 (For 5, Against 2, Abstentions 2)

8 (For 6, Against 1, Abstentions 2)

The following agreements were disagreed to (by division)—

13 (For 2, Against 7, Abstentions 0)

- 1 (For 4, Against 5, Abstentions 0)
- 14 (For 2, Against 7, Abstentions 0)
- 15 (For 3, Against 6, Abstentions 0)
- 2 (For 4, Against 5, Abstentions 0)
- 3 (For 4, Against 5, Abstentions 0)
- 16 (For 2, Against 7, Abstentions 0)
- 18 (For 2, Against 7, Abstentions 0)
- 4 (For 4, Against 5, Abstentions 0)
- 19 (For 2, Against 7, Abstentions 0)
- 5 (For 4, Against 5, Abstentions 0)
- 20 (For 2, Against 7, Abstentions 0)
- 21 (For 2, Against 7, Abstentions 0)
- 23 (For 2, Against 7, Abstentions 0)
- 24 (For 3, Against 6, Abstentions 0)
- 25 (For 2, Against 7, Abstentions 0)
- 26 (For 4, Against 5, Abstentions 0)
- 27 (For 2, Against 7, Abstentions 0)
- 28 (For 4, Against 5, Abstentions 0)

Amendment 22 was moved and, no member having objected, withdrawn.

Section 1 was agreed to without amendment.

The following provisions were agreed to as amended: Sections 2, 3 and 4.

The Committee ended consideration of the Bill for the day section 4 having been agreed to.

3. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee took evidence on The Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010 Modification Order 2013 [draft], The Children's Hearings (Scotland) Act 2011 (Review of Contact Directions and Definition of Relevant Person) Order 2013 [draft] and The Children's Hearings (Scotland) Act 2011 (Rules of Procedure in Children's Hearings) Rules 2013 from—

Aileen Campbell, Minister for Children and Young People, Kit Wyeth, Head of Children's Hearings Team, Iain Fitheridge, Policy Manager, Children's Hearings Team, Gordon McNicoll, Divisional Solicitor/Deputy Director, Communities and Education Division, and Kate Walker, Principal Legal Officer, Communities and Education Team, Scottish Government.

4. **Subordinate legislation:** Aileen Campbell, Minister for Children and Young People, moved—

S4M-6538—That the Education and Culture Committee recommends that the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010 Modification Order 2013 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to.

5. **Subordinate legislation:** Aileen Campbell, Minister for Children and Young People, moved—

S4M-6536—That the Education and Culture Committee recommends that The Children’s Hearings (Scotland) Act 2011 (Review of Contact Directions and Definition of Relevant Person) Order 2013 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to.

6. **Subordinate legislation:** Aileen Campbell, Minister for Children and Young People, moved—

S4M-6537—That the Education and Culture Committee recommends that The Children’s Hearings (Scotland) Act 2011 (Rules of Procedure in Children’s Hearings) Rules 2013 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to.

The meeting closed at 12.44 pm.

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