



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

**EDUCATION AND CULTURE COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES**

**16th Meeting, 2013 (Session 4)**

**Tuesday 21 May 2013**

Present:

George Adam

Colin Beattie

Neil Findlay (Deputy Convener)

Joan McAlpine

Liz Smith

Clare Adamson

Neil Bibby

Stewart Maxwell (Convener)

Liam McArthur

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

The meeting opened at 9.35 am.

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

Donald Urquhart, Independent Chair, Child Protection Committee;

Jo Macpherson, Representative (West Lothian Council), Community Planning Partnership;

Jim Carle, NHS Ayrshire and Arran, Chair, Child Health Commissioner's National Group;

Hugh McNaughtan, Authority Chair, Glasgow Children's Panel;

Carolyn Brown, Area Depute Principal Psychologist, Association of Scottish Principal Educational Psychologists;

Dr Helen Hammond, Paediatrician;

Detective Chief Superintendent Gill Imery, Police Scotland.

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

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 72, 73, 74, 161, 75, 76, 162, 77, 29, 31, 79, 80, 81, 83, 164, 84, 166, 167 and 39.

The following agreements were agreed to (by division)—

82 (For 8, Against 1, Abstentions 0)

165 (For 7, Against 2, Abstentions 0)

The following agreements were disagreed to (by division)—

156 (For 4, Against 5, Abstentions 0)

157 (For 4, Against 5, Abstentions 0)

131 (For 2, Against 7, Abstentions 0)

158 (For 4, Against 5, Abstentions 0)

159 (For 4, Against 5, Abstentions 0)

160 (For 4, Against 5, Abstentions 0)

132 (For 4, Against 5, Abstentions 0)

133 (For 4, Against 5, Abstentions 0)

30 (For 4, Against 5, Abstentions 0)

134 (For 4, Against 5, Abstentions 0)

135 (For 4, Against 5, Abstentions 0)

32 (For 4, Against 5, Abstentions 0)

163 (For 2, Against 7, Abstentions 0)

33 (For 4, Against 5, Abstentions 0)

136 (For 4, Against 5, Abstentions 0)

37 (For 4, Against 5, Abstentions 0)

38 (For 4, Against 5, Abstentions 0)

40 (For 4, Against 5, Abstentions 0)

41 (For 4, Against 5, Abstentions 0)

168 (For 3, Against 5, Abstentions 1)

The following amendments were pre-empted: 34 and 35.

The following provisions were agreed to as amended: sections 5, 6 and 7.

The Committee ended consideration of the Bill for the day section 7 having been agreed to.

The meeting closed at 1.24 pm.

Terry Shevlin  
Clerk to the Education and Culture Committee  
Room T3.60  
The Scottish Parliament  
Edinburgh  
Tel: 0131 348 5204  
Email: [terry.shevlin@scottish.parliament.uk](mailto:terry.shevlin@scottish.parliament.uk)