Present:

George Adam
Jayne Baxter
Neil Bibby (Deputy Convener)
Stewart Maxwell (Convener)
Mary Scanlon

Clare Adamson
Colin Beattie
Gordon MacDonald
Liam McArthur

Also present: Liz Smith

The meeting opened at 10.00 am.

1. **Decision on taking business in private**: The Committee agreed to take item 5 in private.

2. **Subordinate legislation**: The Committee took evidence on the Public Appointments and Public Bodies etc. (Scotland) Act 2003 (Treatment of Historic Environment Scotland as Specified Authority) Order 2014 [draft] from—

   Fiona Hyslop, Cabinet Secretary for Culture and External Affairs, Laura Bailie, Policy Manager, Noel Fojut, Bill Team Leader, Jennie Marshall, Bill Manager, Emma Thomson, Principal Legal Officer, and Ian Young, Depute Scottish Parliamentary Counsel, Scottish Government.

3. **Subordinate legislation**: Fiona Hyslop (Cabinet Secretary for Culture and External Affairs) moved—

   S4M-10644—That the Education and Culture Committee recommends that the Public Appointments and Public Bodies etc. (Scotland) Act 2003 (Treatment of Historic Environment Scotland as Specified Authority) Order 2014 [draft] be approved.

   After debate, the motion was agreed to.
4. **Historic Environment Scotland Bill:** The Committee considered the Bill at Stage 2.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 9, 10, 11, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58 and 59.

The following amendment was disagreed to (by division)—
4 (For 4, Against 5, Abstentions 0)

The following amendments were moved and, no member having objected, withdrawn: 6, 7, 60, 1, 2, 61, 12, 24 and 62.

The following amendments were not moved: 8, 3, 14, 19, 21, 25 and 5.

The following provisions were agreed to without amendment: section 1, schedule 1, sections 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15 and 16, schedule 4, sections 17 and 18, schedule 5, sections 19, 20, 21, 23, 25 and 26, schedule 6, sections 27, 28, 29 and 30 and the long title.

The following provisions were agreed to as amended: sections 2, 3, 7 and 13, schedules 2 and 3 and sections 22 and 24.

The Committee completed Stage 2 consideration of the Bill.

5. **Curriculum for Excellence: National Qualifications (in private):** The Committee agreed an approach to taking evidence at its meeting on 30 September.

The meeting closed at 11.50 am.

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