FINANCE COMMITTEE

MINUTES

32nd Meeting, 2012 (Session 4)

Wednesday 5 December 2012

Present:

Gavin Brown
Kenneth Gibson (Convener)
Jamie Hepburn
John Mason (Deputy Convener)
Michael McMahon
Elaine Murray
Jean Urquhart

Also present: Nicola Sturgeon (Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Infrastructure, Investment and Cities) (item 2).

The meeting opened at 9.30 am.

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

2. **Freedom of Information (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill**: The Committee considered the Bill at Stage 2.

   The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7.

   Amendment 1 was agreed to by division (For 5, Against 1, Abstentions 0).

   The following amendments were moved and, no member having objected, withdrawn: 8, 2A and 10.

   The following amendments were not moved: 2B, 2C, 2D, 2E, 2F, 9 and 11.

   The following provisions were agreed to without amendment: sections 2, 3, 5, 6, 7 and 8.

   The following provisions were agreed to as amended: section 4 and the long title.

   The Committee completed Stage 2 consideration of the Bill.
3. **Draft Budget Scrutiny 2013-14 (in private):** The Committee considered a revised draft report. Various changes were proposed and decided upon (two by division) and the report was agreed for publication.

4. **Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee considered and agreed its approach to scrutiny of the Bill at Stage 1.

5. **Post-16 Education (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee considered and agreed its approach to the Financial Memorandum of the Bill.

The meeting closed at 12.04 pm.

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