JUSTICE COMMITTEE

MINUTES

18th Meeting, 2014 (Session 4)

Tuesday 10 June 2014

Present:

Christian Allard
John Finnie
Alison McInnes
Elaine Murray (Deputy Convener)
Sandra White

Roderick Campbell
Christine Grahame (Convener)
Margaret Mitchell
John Pentland

The meeting opened at 10.00 am.

1. **Decisions on taking business in private**: The Committee agreed to take items 3 and 4 in private.

2. **Courts Reform (Scotland) Bill**: The Committee will consider the Bill at Stage 2 (Day 1).

   The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 13 and 14.

   The following amendments were agreed to (by division)—

   - 24 (For 5, Against 4, Abstentions 0)
   - 5 (For 6, Against 2, Abstentions 1)
   - 7 (For 8, Against 1, Abstentions 0)
   - 8 (For 8, Against 1, Abstentions 0)
   - 9 (For 6, Against 3, Abstentions 0)
   - 10 (For 6, Against 3, Abstentions 0)
   - 11 (For 6, Against 3, Abstentions 0)
   - 12 (For 6, Against 3, Abstentions 0).

   The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

   - 22 (For 3, Against 6, Abstentions 0)
   - 40 (For 4, Against 5, Abstentions 0)
The following amendments were moved and, no member having objected, withdrawn: 38, 39 and 25.

The following amendments were not moved: 42, 27, 28, 29 and 30.

The following provisions were agreed to without amendment: sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 40, 41, 42, 43, schedule 1 and sections 44, 45, 47, 48, 49, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 57, 58 and 59.

The following provisions were agreed to as amended: sections 39, 46, 50, 56 and 60.

The Committee ended consideration of the Bill for the day, section 60 having been agreed to.

Roderick Campbell indicated that he is a member of the Faculty of Advocates.

3. **Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 (in private):** The Committee agreed to adopt a report by the Justice Sub-Committee on Policing on its work in the first year of operation of the 2012 Act.

4. **Draft Budget Scrutiny 2015-16 (in private):** The Committee considered its initial approach to scrutiny of the Scottish Government's Draft Budget 2015-16 and (a) considered correspondence from the Justice Sub-Committee on Policing and agreed to undertake scrutiny of the policing budget as part of its wider examination of the Draft Budget 2015-16; and (b) agreed to further consider its approach to scrutiny of the Draft Budget in September 2014.

The meeting closed at 12.06 pm.

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