



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND REGENERATION COMMITTEE

MINUTES

20th Meeting, 2012 (Session 4)

Wednesday 26 September 2012

Present:

Stuart McMillan	Anne McTaggart
Margaret Mitchell	John Pentland
Stewart Stevenson	Kevin Stewart (Convener)
John Wilson (Deputy Convener)	

Also present: Sarah Boyack; Jim Hume; Derek Mackay (Minister for Local Government and Planning); Tavish Scott (item 5).

The meeting opened at 10.00 am.

1. **Declaration of interests:** New members of the Committee were invited to declare any relevant interests. John Wilson declared that his wife is an elected member of North Lanarkshire Council. Stuart McMillan and Stewart Stevenson had no relevant interests to declare apart from those declared in the Register of Interests of Member of the Scottish Parliament.
2. **Choice of Convener:** The Committee chose Kevin Stewart as its Convener.
3. **Choice of Deputy Convener:** The Committee chose John Wilson as its Deputy Convener.
4. **Appointment of European Union Reporter:** The Committee appointed Stuart McMillan to serve as its European Union Reporter.
5. **Local Government Finance (Unoccupied Properties etc.) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee considered the Bill at Stage 2.

The following amendments were agreed to (by division)—

- 5 (For 6, Against 0, Abstentions 1);
- 6 (For 4, Against 2, Abstentions 1);
- 7 (For 4, Against 2, Abstentions 1);

8 (For 6, Against 0, Abstentions 1);
9 (For 6, Against 0, Abstentions 1);
10 (For 6, Against 0, Abstentions 1).

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

15 (For 1, Against 6, Abstentions 0);
16 (For 2, Against 4, Abstentions 1);
11 (For 1, Against 6, Abstentions 0);
17 (For 2, Against 4, Abstentions 1);
18 (For 2, Against 4, Abstentions 1);
19 (For 2, Against 4, Abstentions 1);
1 (For 3, Against 4, Abstentions 0);
13 (For 1, Against 6, Abstentions 0);
21 (For 3, Against 4, Abstentions 0);
7A (For 3, Against 4, Abstentions 0);
14 (For 1, Against 6, Abstentions 0);
23 (For 3, Against 4, Abstentions 0);
24 (For 1, Against 6, Abstentions 0);
4 (For 0, Against 7, Abstentions 0);
2 (For 3, Against 4, Abstentions 0);
3 (For 3, Against 4, Abstentions 0).

The following amendments were moved and, no member having objected, withdrawn: 12, 20 and 22.

The following provisions were agreed to without amendment: sections 4, 5 and 6 and the long title.

The following provisions were agreed to as amended: sections 1, 2 and 3.

The Committee completed Stage 2 consideration of the Bill.

The meeting closed at 11.47 am.

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