LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND REGENERATION COMMITTEE

MINUTES

1st Meeting, 2013 (Session 4)

Wednesday 16 January 2013

Present:

Stuart McMillan
Margaret Mitchell
Stewart Stevenson
John Wilson (Deputy Convener)

Anne McTaggart
John Pentland
Kevin Stewart (Convener)

Also present: Bill Howat (Committee Adviser).

In attendance: Derek Mackay (Minister for Local Government and Planning).

The meeting opened at 10.00 am.

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take items 10, 11, 12 and 13 in private.

2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee took evidence on the Public Services Reform (Planning) (Pre-application consultation) (Scotland) Order 2013 [SSI 2013/draft] from—

   Derek Mackay, Minister for Local Government and Planning, Alan Cameron, Policy Manager, Planning Legislation, and Norman MacLeod, Senior Principal Legal Officer, Scottish Government Legal Directorate, Scottish Government.

3. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee took evidence on the Public Services Reform (Planning) (Local Review Procedure) (Scotland) Order 2013 [SSI 2013/draft] from—

   Derek Mackay, Minister for Local Government and Planning, Alan Cameron, Policy Manager, Planning Legislation, and Norman MacLeod, Senior Principal Legal Officer, Scottish Government Legal Directorate, Scottish Government.
4. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee took evidence on the Planning etc. (Scotland) Act 2006 (Supplementary and Consequential Provisions) Order 2013 [SSI 2013/draft] from—

Derek Mackay, Minister for Local Government and Planning, Alan Cameron, Policy Manager, Planning Legislation, and Norman MacLeod, Senior Principal Legal Officer, Scottish Government Legal Directorate, Scottish Government.

5. **Subordinate legislation:** Derek Mackay (Minister for Local Government and Planning) moved—

S4M-5247—That the Local Government and Regeneration Committee recommends that the Public Services Reform (Planning) (Pre-application consultation) (Scotland) Order 2013 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to.

6. **Subordinate legislation:** Derek Mackay (Minister for Local Government and Planning) moved—

S4M-5246—That the Local Government and Regeneration Committee recommends that the Public Services Reform (Planning) (Local Review Procedure) (Scotland) Order 2013 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to.

7. **Subordinate legislation:** Derek Mackay (Minister for Local Government and Planning) moved—

S4M-5245—That the Local Government and Regeneration Committee recommends that the Planning etc. (Scotland) Act 2006 (Supplementary and Consequential Provisions) Order 2013 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to.

8. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee considered the following negative instrument—

Town and Country Planning (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2012 SSI 2012/325.

The Committee agreed not to make any recommendation to the Parliament in relation to this instrument.

9. **Public services reform and local government: strand 2 – benchmarking and performance measurement:** The Committee took evidence from—

Ronnie Hinds, Past Chair, and David Martin, Immediate Past Chair,
Society of Local Authority Chief Executives.

10. **Public services reform and local government: strand 3 - developing new ways of delivering services (in private):** The Committee considered its approach to the inquiry in discussion with its Adviser.

11. **Planning issues (in private):** The Committee considered its approach to the forthcoming review of the National Planning Framework and Scottish Planning Policy.

12. **Request from the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee (in private):** The Committee agreed to consider requests from the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee in relation to its ongoing inquiry work, in private session, at its next meeting.

13. **Delivery of regeneration in Scotland (in private):** The Committee agreed to consider a draft remit and person-specification for the post of adviser in connection with its forthcoming inquiry on the delivery of regeneration in Scotland, in private session, at its next meeting.

The meeting closed at 12.57 pm.

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