LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND REGENERATION COMMITTEE

MINUTES

17th Meeting, 2013 (Session 4)

Wednesday 29 May 2013

Present:

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

The meeting opened at 9.30 am.

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


   John Baillie, Chair, and Gordon Smail, Portfolio Manager, Best Value and Scrutiny Improvement, Accounts Commission for Scotland;

   Antony Clark, Assistant Director, Audit Scotland;

   Professor David Bell, Professor of Economics, University of Stirling;

   Professor Richard Kerley, Professor of Management, Queen Margaret University;

   Kate Higgins, Policy and Communications Manager, Children 1st;

   Nancy Fancott, Policy and Development Officer, Coalition of Care and Support Providers in Scotland;

   Rachel Stewart, Policy and Campaigns Manager, Scottish Association for Mental Health;
John Downie, Director of Public Affairs, Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations;

Fraser Kelly, Chief Executive, Social Enterprise Scotland;

Calum Irving, Chief Executive, Voluntary Action Scotland.

3. **Budget Strategy Phase 2014-15 (in private):** The Committee considered the evidence received.

4. **Public services reform and local government: strand 3 - developing new ways of delivering services (in private):** The Committee considered a revised draft report. Further amendments were agreed to and the Committee agreed to consider a further revised draft, in private, at its next meeting.

5. **Local government elections in Scotland (in private):** The Committee agreed to defer a report from its Reporter to its next meeting.

The meeting closed at 12.56 pm.

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