EDUCATION AND SKILLS COMMITTEE

MINUTES

6th Meeting, 2017 (Session 5)

Wednesday 1 March 2017

Present:

Clare Adamson (Committee Substitute)  Colin Beattie
James Dornan (Convener)  Ross Greer
Daniel Johnson  Johann Lamont (Deputy Convener)
Richard Lochhead  Tavish Scott
Liz Smith  Ross Thomson

Apologies were received from Fulton MacGregor and Gillian Martin.

The meeting opened at 10.01 am.

1. **Decision on taking business in private**: The Committee agreed to take items 3 and 4 in private. The Committee also decided its consideration of evidence from the Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills on school education should be taken in private at its next meeting.

2. **Additional Support Needs**: The Committee took evidence, in a round-table format, from—

   Sally Cavers, Manager, Enquire;

   Colin Crawford, Head of Inclusion, Education Services, Glasgow City Council;

   Carol Gilmour, Parent and Foster Carer;

   Kenny Graham, Member, Scottish Children’s Services Coalition;

   Sylvia Haughney, Support for Learning Instructor, Glasgow City Council and Member of UNISON;
3. **EU Reporter (in private):**
The Committee considered a paper by the Committee's EU Reporter, Gillian Martin, and agreed that she take forward a number of strands of work.

4. **Review of Evidence (in private):** The Committee considered the evidence heard earlier in the meeting on Additional Support Needs. The Committee agreed to write to the Children and Young People's Commissioner Scotland and all Local Authorities in Scotland

The meeting closed at 11.57 am.

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