



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

EDUCATION AND SKILLS COMMITTEE

MINUTES

5th Meeting, 2016 (Session 5)

Wednesday 21 September 2016

Present:

Colin Beattie	James Dornan (Convener)
Iain Gray (Committee Substitute)	Ross Greer
Daniel Johnson	Richard Lochhead
Fulton MacGregor	Gillian Martin
Tavish Scott	Liz Smith
Ross Thomson	

Apologies were received from Johann Lamont (Deputy Convener).

The meeting opened at 9.46 am.

1. **Declaration of interests:** Iain Gray was invited to declare any relevant interests. No such interests were declared.
2. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take item 5 in private.
3. **Overview of Children's Services:** The Committee took evidence from—

Mike Burns, Vice Convenor of the Children and Families Standing Committee, Social Work Scotland;

Duncan Dunlop, Chief Executive Officer, Who Cares? Scotland;

Mary Glasgow, Director of Children and Family Services and External Affairs, Children 1st;

Malcolm Schaffer, Head of Practice and Policy, Scottish Children's Reporter Administration.

Fulton MacGregor declared that he was a social worker and is registered with

the Scottish Social Services Council

4. **Review of Evidence (in private):** The Committee discussed the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
5. **Pre-Budget Scrutiny 2017-18 (in private):** The Committee agreed engagement and media plans for advance scrutiny of the Scottish Government's Draft Budget 2017-18.

The meeting closed at 12.06 pm.

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