ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE AND LAND REFORM COMMITTEE

MINUTES

5th Meeting, 2017 (Session 5)

Tuesday 7 February 2017

Present:

Claudia Beamish
Alexander Burnett
Finlay Carson
Graeme Dey (Convener)
Kate Forbes
Jenny Gilruth
Maurice Golden (Deputy Convener)
Emma Harper
Angus MacDonald
Mark Ruskell
David Stewart

The meeting opened at 9.32 am.

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take items 3 and 4 in private.

2. **Draft Climate Change Plan (RPP3):** The Committee took evidence from—

   Matthew Bell, Chief Executive, Committee on Climate Change (via video conference);

   and then from—

   Jo Green, Chief Officer, Performance and Innovation Portfolio, Scottish Environment Protection Agency;

   Iain Gulland, Chief Executive Officer, Zero Waste Scotland;

   Simon Parsons, Director of Strategic Customer Service Planning, Scottish Water;

   Jamie Pitcairn, Director, Scotland, Ricardo;

   Bruce Reekie, Waste Services and Community Greenspace Manager, Perth and Kinross Council;
Chris Wood-Gee, Chair, Sustainable Scotland Network;

and then from—

Jim Densham, Senior Land Use Policy Officer (Climate), Royal Society for the Protection of Birds;

Anne Gray, Senior Policy Officer (Land Use & Environment), Scottish Land and Estates;

Dr Maggie Keegan, Head of Policy, Scottish Wildlife Trust;

Pete Smith, Professor of Soils & Global Change, University of Aberdeen;

Dr Emily Taylor, Land Management Project Co-ordinator, Crichton Carbon Centre.

Maurice Golden declared an interest in relation to Zero Waste Scotland and the Chartered Institution of Wastes Management.

Mark Ruskell declared an interest as a Councillor on Stirling Council.

Finlay Carson declared an interest as a Councillor on Dumfries and Galloway Council.

3. **EU Engagement and Scrutiny (in private):** The Committee agreed its response to the Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Relations Committee in relation to its EU engagement and scrutiny work.

4. **Draft Climate Change Plan (RPP3) – Update to Approach to Engagement (in private):** The Committee agreed its updated approach to engagement on the inquiry.

5. **Draft Climate Change Plan (RPP3) (in private):** The Committee considered evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

6. **Committee on Parliamentary Reform (in private):** The Committee agreed its response to the Commission on Parliamentary Reform.

The meeting closed at 1.00 pm.