The meeting opened at 9.33 am.

1. **Decision on taking business in private**: The Committee agreed to take items 4, 5, 6 and 7 in private.

2. **Register of Controlling Interests in Land**: The Committee took evidence from—

   Keith Connal, Deputy Director, Natural Resources, Pauline Davidson, Head of Land Reform Policy Team, Andrew Ruxton, Solicitor, Head of Land and Crown Estate Branch, and Graham Watson, Senior Policy Officer, Land Reform Policy Team, Scottish Government.

   Donald Cameron, John Scott and Stewart Stevenson declared interests as land owners.

3. **Climate Change Bill (in private)**: The Committee considered its approach to scrutiny of the Bill at Stage 1 and agreed—

   - The proposed timetable for Stage 1 consideration of the Bill;
   - To issue and promote a call for evidence, with a deadline of 23 August 2018;
   - To the content of the call for evidence;
- An initial list of witnesses to give oral evidence; and
- Its engagement and communications approach.

4. **Register of Controlling Interests in Land (in private):** The Committee considered its approach to the inquiry and agreed—

- The approach to the inquiry, key questions and timetable;
- The proposed evidence sessions;
- The call for views;
- To delegate authority to the Convener to agree the final list of stakeholders to contact with details of the call for views;
- To delegate media engagement to the Convener;
- To delegate authority for approval of witness expenses to the Convener;
- To consider related evidence, the approach to the inquiry and any draft reports at future meetings in private; and
- To invite additional witnesses to give evidence as agreed by the Committee.

5. **Draft Budget 2019-20 (in private):** The Committee considered its approach to the inquiry and agreed—

- The approach to the inquiry, key questions and timetable;
- The call for views;
- To delegate authority to agree the final list of stakeholders to the Convener;
- The list of stakeholders to contact with details of the call for views;
- To write to the Scottish Government and Public bodies;
- To delegate media engagement to the Convener;
- To delegate authority for approval of witness expenses to the Convener; and
- To consider related evidence, the approach to the inquiry and any draft reports at future meetings in private

6. **Marine Environment (in private):** The Committee considered its approach to the inquiry and agreed—

- To write to the Marine Scotland on a number of topics;
- To write to stakeholders on the National Marine Plan;
- Its approach to an inquiry into the development and implementation of the Regional Marine Plans; and
- To delegate authority for finalising related correspondence to the Convener.

7. **Work Programme (in private):** The Committee considered its work programme and agreed—

- To write to the Scottish Government on the Legislative Consent Memorandum for the UK Ivory Bill;
- To seek an informal briefing from Scottish Government officials on legislation arising from the UK decision to leave the EU;
• To utilise an expert reference group to provide advice on legislation arising from the UK decision to leave the EU;
• To request a SPICe briefing and consider the state of wild fisheries in Scotland at a future meeting;
• To request a SPICe briefing on the state of bee populations, bee health and population recovery;
• To write to the Chief Executive of the Scottish Parliament seeking an update on the Parliament's environmental performance;
• To hear from the Scottish Land Commission at a future meeting;
• To consider the Scottish Government Annual Report on Wildlife Crime, once published;
• To consider its approach to climate change scrutiny at a future meeting;
• To endorse the current Committee Engagement Strategy and a number of specific actions; and
• To delegate authority for finalising related correspondence to the Convener

The meeting closed at 12.39 pm.

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