

David Strang, Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Prisons for Scotland, HM Inspectorate of Prisons for Scotland;

Jan Anderson, Access to Industry;

Beverley Smith, ex-offender.

4. **Prisoner voting in Scotland (in private):** The Committee considered the evidence received and agreed to write to the Scottish Government, highlighting the issues raised during the session and seeking an update on its proposed consultation on what electoral reforms Scottish citizens would like to see taken forward in future legislation. The Committee also agreed to seek the views of the judiciary, representatives of victims groups and Dr Cormac Behan of the University of Sheffield, whose work in this area was cited during the evidence session. Furthermore, the Committee agreed to seek further information on the policy regarding prisoner voting in other EU jurisdictions.

Once such views have been received, the Committee agreed to consider what further action, if any, it wished to take on this issue.

The meeting closed at 11.29 am.

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