LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE

MINUTES

22nd Meeting, 2017 (Session 5)

Wednesday 20 September 2017

Present:

Bob Doris (Convener)  Kenneth Gibson
Jenny Gilruth  Graham Simpson
Elaine Smith (Deputy Convener)  Alexander Stewart
Andy Wightman

The meeting opened at 9.46 am.

1. **Building regulations and fire safety in Scotland:** The Committee took evidence from—

   John Wood, Policy Manager, Communities Team, COSLA;
   
   Michael Thain, Association of Local Authority Chief Housing Officers;
   
   Dave Aitken, and Alan McAulay, Local Authority Building Standards Scotland;
   
   Raymond Barlow, Assistant Head of Planning and Building Standards, Glasgow City Council.

2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee considered the following negative instrument—

   The Homeless Persons (Unsuitable Accommodation) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2017 (SSI 2017/273).

   The Committee agreed to make no recommendation in relation to the instrument but in doing so agreed to write to the Scottish Government for clarity on the exceptional circumstances which would prevent homeless persons being moved out of unsuitable accommodation.
3. **Consideration of evidence (in private):** The Committee considered the evidence heard at agenda item 1 and agreed to write to the Scottish Government and Glasgow City Council in relation to cladding on private high-rise buildings.

4. **Homelessness:** The Committee took evidence, in a roundtable format, from—

   Saffron Rohan and Simone Smith;

   Rhys Campbell, Thomas Lyon, Julie McCallagh and Emma Pearce.

The meeting closed at 12.50 pm.

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