



LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE

MINUTES

3rd Meeting, 2018 (Session 5)

Wednesday 24 January 2018

Present:

Bob Doris (Convener)
Jenny Gilruth
Graham Simpson
Andy Wightman

Kenneth Gibson
Monica Lennon (Deputy Convener)
Alexander Stewart

The meeting opened at 9.31 am.

1. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee took evidence on the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 (Supplementary and Consequential Provisions) Order 2018 [draft] from—

Roseanna Cunningham, Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform, Robin MacLean, Policy Officer, Food, Drink and Trade Division, and Judith Brown, Solicitor, Scottish Government.

2. **Subordinate legislation:** Roseanna Cunningham (Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform) moved—

S5M-09989—That the Local Government and Communities Committee recommends that the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 (Supplementary and Consequential Provisions) Order 2018 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to.

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

The Allotments (Compensation) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/457).

The Committee agreed to make no recommendation in relation to the instrument.

4. **Public petitions: PE1539:** The Committee considered the following petition—

PE1539 by Anne Booth, on Housing Associations to come under the Freedom of Information Act (Scotland) 2002.

The Committee agreed to close the petition, under Rule 15.7 of Standing Orders, given that the Scottish Government has agreed to seek to extend the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 to registered social landlords and is currently consulting on a draft Section 5 Order.

5. **Housing (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee considered and agreed a draft Stage 1 report and the arrangements for its publication.

6. **Homelessness (in private):** The Committee considered a draft report and agreed to consider a further report at its next meeting.

7. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee considered and agreed its work programme in part. The Committee also agreed to consider it further at its next meeting.

The meeting closed at 1.02 pm.

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