



LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE

MINUTES

24th Meeting, 2018 (Session 5)

Wednesday 12 September 2018

Present:

James Dornan (Convener)
Kenneth Gibson
Graham Simpson
Andy Wightman

Annabelle Ewing
Monica Lennon (Deputy Convener)
Alexander Stewart

Also present: Alasdair Allan, Claire Baker, Claudia Beamish, Alex Cole-Hamilton, John Finnie and Rhoda Grant (all at agenda item 6).

The meeting opened at 9.32 am.

1. **Declaration of interests:** New members of the Committee were invited to declare any relevant interests. James Dornan had no interests to declare and Annabelle Ewing declared that she is a member of the Law Society of Scotland.
2. **Choice of Convener:** The Committee chose James Dornan as its Convener.
3. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take items 8 and 9 in private.
4. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee took evidence on the Regulation of Social Housing (Influence of Local Authorities) (Scotland) Regulations 2018 [draft] from—

Kevin Stewart, Minister for Local Government, Housing and Planning,
Scottish Government.

5. **Subordinate legislation:** Kevin Stewart (Minister for Local Government, Housing and Planning) moved—

S5M-13767—That the Local Government and Communities Committee recommends that the Regulation of Social Housing (Influence of Local Authorities) (Scotland) Regulations 2018 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to.

6. **Planning (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee considered the Bill at Stage 2 (Day 1).

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 214, 71, 72, 105, 170, 218, 116V, 116K, 116Z, 116L, 116AB, 116D, 116AE, 116M.

The following amendments were agreed to (by division)—

115A (For 4, Against 3, Abstentions 0)
 115 (For 6, Against 1, Abstentions 0)
 5 (For 4, Against 3, Abstentions 0)
 30 (For 4, Against 3, Abstentions 0)
 104 (For 4, Against 3, Abstentions 0)
 167 (For 5, Against 2, Abstentions 0)
 31 (For 4, Against 3, Abstentions 0)
 211 (For 4, Against 3, Abstentions 0)
 83A (For 5, Against 2, Abstentions 0)
 160 (For 4, Against 3, Abstentions 0)
 168 (For 5, Against 2, Abstentions 0)
 186 (For 5, Against 2, Abstentions 0)
 169 (For 5, Against 2, Abstentions 0)
 187 (For 4, Against 3, Abstentions 0)
 32 (For 4, Against 3, Abstentions 0)
 33 (For 4, Against 3, Abstentions 0)
 106 (For 4, Against 3, Abstentions 0)
 217 (For 4, Against 3, Abstentions 0)
 219 (For 4, Against 3, Abstentions 0)
 39A (For 4, Against 3, Abstentions 0)
 39B (For 4, Against 3, Abstentions 0)
 39 (For 4, Against 3, Abstentions 0)
 116A (For 5, Against 2, Abstentions 0)
 116O (For 4, Against 3, Abstentions 0)
 116P (For 4, Against 3, Abstentions 0)
 116B (For 5, Against 2, Abstentions 0)
 116R (For 4, Against 3, Abstentions 0)
 116S (For 4, Against 3, Abstentions 0)
 116G (For 5, Against 2, Abstentions 0)
 116N (For 4, Against 3, Abstentions 0)
 116X (For 4, Against 3, Abstentions 0)
 116J (For 5, Against 2, Abstentions 0)
 116AA (For 4, Against 3, Abstentions 0)
 116AC (For 5, Against 2, Abstentions 0)
 116AD (For 4, Against 3, Abstentions 0).

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

103 (For 2, Against 5, Abstentions 0)
 184 (For 2, Against 5, Abstentions 0)
 185 (For 0, Against 7, Abstentions 0)
 83 (For 2, Against 5, Abstentions 0)

215 (For 3, Against 4, Abstentions 0)
40 (For 3, Against 4, Abstentions 0)
116F (For 2, Against 5, Abstentions 0)
116Q (For 3, Against 4, Abstentions 0)
116H (For 0, Against 7, Abstentions 0)
116Y (For 3, Against 4, Abstentions 0)
116 (For 3, Against 4, Abstentions 0).

The following amendments were pre-empted: 6, 116C, 116I.

The following amendments were not moved: 212, 213, 216, 38, 116E, 116T, 116U, 116W.

Section 1 as amended was agreed to.

The Committee ended consideration of the Bill for the day, section 1 having been agreed to.

Monica Lennon declared an interest as a member of the Royal Town Planning Institute.

7. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee agreed to defer consideration of the Letting Agent Registration (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2018 (SSI 2018/196) to its next meeting.
8. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee considered its work programme and agreed to hold an evidence session on housing adaptations as part of its pre-budget scrutiny.
9. **Fuel Poverty (Target, Definition and Strategy) (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee considered its approach to the scrutiny of the Bill at Stage 1 and agreed the text of its call for written views on the Bill. The Committee agreed to consider the rest of its approach to the Bill at a future meeting.

The meeting closed at 12.58 pm.

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