



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

PUBLIC AUDIT AND POST-LEGISLATIVE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

13th Meeting, 2017 (Session 5)

Thursday 18 May 2017

Present:

Jackie Baillie (Acting Convener)
Willie Coffey
Monica Lennon
Ross Thomson

Colin Beattie
Liam Kerr (Deputy Convener)
Alex Neil

The meeting opened at 9.00 am.

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee decided to take item 3 in private.
2. **Section 22 reports:** The Committee took evidence on the Auditor General for Scotland's reports entitled "The 2015/16 audit of Edinburgh College", "The 2015/16 audit of Lews Castle College" and "The 2015/16 audit of Moray College" from—

Caroline Gardner, Auditor General for Scotland;

Dharshi Santhakumaran, Audit Manager, Audit Scotland;

Hugh Harvie, Partner, KPMG;

Mark MacPherson, Senior Manager, Audit Scotland;

Michael Lavender, Audit Manager, Scott-Moncrieff;

Anne MacDonald, Senior Audit Manager, Audit Scotland.

3. **Section 22 reports (in private):** The Committee considered the evidence received at agenda item 2 and took further evidence from—

Caroline Gardner, Auditor General for Scotland;

Mark MacPherson, Senior Manager, Anne MacDonald, Senior Audit Manager, and Dharshi Santhakumaran, Audit Manager, Audit Scotland.

The Committee agreed to take oral evidence from the chair of the board, the principal and the chief operating officer of Edinburgh College.

The Committee also agreed to hold separate oral evidence sessions with the chief executive/principal and senior financial officer of Lews Castle College and Moray College, with the University of the Highlands and Islands taking part in both sessions.

The meeting closed at 10.38 am.

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