



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

PUBLIC AUDIT AND POST-LEGISLATIVE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

20th Meeting, 2018 (Session 5)

Thursday 20 September 2018

Present:

Colin Beattie

Willie Coffey

Liam Kerr (Deputy Convener)

Alex Neil

Bill Bowman

Iain Gray

Jenny Marra (Convener)

The meeting opened at 9.03 am.

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take items 4 and 5 in private.
2. **The 2016/17 audit of New College Lanarkshire:** The Committee took evidence on the Auditor General for Scotland's report entitled "The 2016/17 audit of New College Lanarkshire" from—

Eileen Imlah, Branch Secretary, New College Lanarkshire, and Leah Franchetti, Area Officer, EIS-FELA.
3. **The National Fraud Initiative in Scotland:** The Committee took evidence on Audit Scotland's report entitled "The National Fraud Initiative in Scotland" from—

Fiona Kordiak, Director, Audit Services, Angela Canning, Audit Director, and Anne Cairns, Manager - Benefits (Technical), Audit Scotland.
4. **The 2016/17 audit of New College Lanarkshire (in private):** The Committee considered the evidence heard at agenda item 2 and took further evidence from—

Caroline Gardner, Auditor General for Scotland;

Mark MacPherson, Senior Manager, Audit Scotland.

5. **The National Fraud Initiative in Scotland (in private):** The Committee considered the evidence heard at agenda item 3 and took further evidence from—

Fiona Kordiak, Director, Audit Services, Angela Canning, Audit Director, and Anne Cairns, Manager - Benefits (Technical), Audit Scotland.

The Committee agreed to write to the Scottish Government in respect of the National Fraud Initiative in Scotland.

The meeting closed at 10.39 am.

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