



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## PUBLIC AUDIT AND POST-LEGISLATIVE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

27th Meeting, 2018 (Session 5)

Thursday 29 November 2018

Present:

Bill Bowman

Liam Kerr (Deputy Convener)

Alex Neil

Willie Coffey

Jenny Marra (Convener)

Anas Sarwar

Apologies were received from Colin Beattie.

The meeting opened at 9.00 am.

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take items 4, 5 and 6 in private.
2. **Section 22 report - The 2017/18 audit of the Scottish Government Consolidated Accounts:** The Committee took evidence on the Auditor General for Scotland's report entitled "The 2017/18 audit of the Scottish Government Consolidated Accounts" from—

Leslie Evans, Permanent Secretary, Gordon Wales, Chief Financial Officer, Alyson Stafford, Director General, Scottish Exchequer, and David Rogers, Director, Constitution and Cabinet, Scottish Government.

3. **Section 23 report - Health and social care integration: Update on progress:** The Committee took evidence on the joint report by the Auditor General for Scotland and the Accounts Commission entitled "Health and social care integration: Update on progress" from —

Caroline Gardner, Auditor General for Scotland;

Claire Sweeney, Audit Director, Performance and Best Value, and Leigh Johnston, Senior Manager, Performance and Best Value, Audit Scotland.

4. **Section 22 report - The 2017/18 audit of the Scottish Government Consolidated Accounts (in private):** The Committee considered the evidence heard at agenda item 2 and took further evidence from—

Caroline Gardner, Auditor General for Scotland;

Stephen Boyle, Assistant Director, and Tarryn Wilson-Jones, Audit Manager, Audit Scotland.

The Committee agreed to defer its future scrutiny of the 2017/18 audit of the Scottish Government Consolidated Accounts until it has received follow up information from the Scottish Government.

5. **Section 23 report - Health and social care integration: Update on progress (in private):** The Committee considered the evidence heard at agenda item 3 and took further evidence from—

Caroline Gardner, Auditor General for Scotland;

Claire Sweeney, Audit Director, Performance and Best Value, and Leigh Johnston, Senior Manager, Performance and Best Value, Audit Scotland.

The Committee agreed to await the publication of the report by the joint Scottish Government and COSLA Integration Review Reference Group.

6. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee agreed to conclude its scrutiny of the Auditor General for Scotland's reports on the Forth Replacement Crossing; NHS workforce planning - the clinical workforce in secondary care and NHS in Scotland 2017 and the Audit Scotland report on the National Fraud Initiative in Scotland 2016/17.

The Committee also agreed to conclude its post-legislative scrutiny of the National Fraud Initiative in Scotland and agreed its approach to late written submissions in relation to its post-legislative scrutiny of the Control of Dogs (Scotland) Act 2010.

The meeting closed at 11.16 am.

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