



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

PUBLIC AUDIT AND POST-LEGISLATIVE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

18th Meeting, 2017 (Session 5)

Thursday 29 June 2017

Present:

Jackie Baillie (Acting Convener)
Willie Coffey
Monica Lennon

Colin Beattie
Liam Kerr (Deputy Convener)
Alex Neil

The meeting opened at 8.49 am.

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee decided to take items 5, 6 and 7 in private.

2. **Section 22 report - The 2015/16 audit of Edinburgh College:** The Committee took evidence from—

Annette Bruton, Principal and Chief Executive, Alan Williamson, Chief Operating Officer, and Ian McKay, Chair, Edinburgh College.

3. **Common Agricultural Policy Futures programme: further update:** The Committee took evidence from—

Caroline Gardner, Auditor General for Scotland;

Stephen Boyle, Assistant Director, Gemma Diamond, Senior Manager, and Morag Campsie, Audit Manager, Audit Scotland.

4. **Scotland's colleges 2017:** The Committee took evidence from—

Caroline Gardner, Auditor General for Scotland;

Mark MacPherson, Senior Manager, and Stuart Nugent, Audit Manager, Audit Scotland.

5. **Section 22 report - The 2015/16 audit of Edinburgh College (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, and Dharshi Santhakumaran, Audit Manager, Audit Scotland.

The Committee agreed to write to Edinburgh College and to the Edinburgh College EIS branch about issues discussed in the oral evidence session, and to copy its correspondence to the Scottish Funding Council.

6. **Common Agricultural Policy Futures programme: Further update (in private):** The Committee considered the evidence heard at agenda item 3 and took further evidence from—

Caroline Gardner, Auditor General for Scotland;

Stephen Boyle, Assistant Director, Gemma Diamond, Senior Manager, and Morag Campsie, Audit Manager, Audit Scotland.

The Committee agreed to invite oral evidence from Scottish Government officials on the report's findings.

7. **Scotland's colleges 2017 (in private):** The Committee considered the evidence heard at agenda item 4 and took further evidence from—

Caroline Gardner, Auditor General for Scotland;

Mark MacPherson, Senior Manager, and Stuart Nugent, Audit Manager, Audit Scotland.

The Committee agreed to invite oral evidence from Scottish Government and Scottish Funding Council officials on the report's findings.

The meeting closed at 11.29 am.

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