



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## EDUCATION AND CULTURE COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

2nd Meeting, 2012 (Session 4)

Tuesday 17 January 2012

Present:

Clare Adamson

Neil Bibby

Stewart Maxwell (Convener)

Liam McArthur

Jean Urquhart

Marco Biagi

Neil Findlay (Deputy Convener)

Joan McAlpine

Liz Smith

The meeting opened at 10.00 am.

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to consider item 4 in private. The Committee also agreed that its consideration of a draft report on the educational attainment of looked after children should be taken in private at future meetings.
2. **Kinship Care:** The Committee took evidence, in a round-table discussion, from—

Robert Swift, Chair of the Adoption and Fostering Subgroup, Association of Directors of Social Work;

Alison Todd, Director of Policy and Practice, Children 1st;

Lindsay Isaacs, Kinship Care Service - National Co-ordinator, Citizens Advice Scotland;

Mike Callaghan, Policy Manager - Education, Children and Young People Team, COSLA;

Anne Black, Independent Social Work Consultant;

Tommy McFall, New Fossils Group.

3. **Appointment of a European Union Reporter:** The Committee appointed Neil Findlay as its European Union Reporter.
4. **Inquiry into the educational attainment of looked after children (in private):** The Committee considered issues arising from the chamber debate on the inquiry.

The meeting closed at 12.15 pm.

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