



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

EDUCATION AND CULTURE COMMITTEE

MINUTES

10th Meeting, 2012 (Session 4)

Tuesday 20 March 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 take item 4 in private.
2. **Youth employment strategy:** The Committee took evidence from—
 - Stephen Boyd, Assistant Secretary, STUC;
 - Mary Goodman, Senior Policy Adviser, Federation of Small Businesses;
 - Jacqui Hepburn, Director, Alliance of Sector Skills Councils;
 - Katie Hutton, Head of National Training Programmes Policy Integration, and Danny Logue, Director of Operations, Skills Development Scotland.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee considered the following negative instruments—
 - The Children's Hearings (Scotland) Act 2011 (Safeguarders Panel) Regulations 2012 (SSI 2012/54)
 - Teachers' Superannuation (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2012 (SSI 2012/70)
 - Education (Fees, Awards and Student Support) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2012 (SSI 2012/72)

The Committee agreed to make no recommendations in relation to the instruments.

4. **Kinship Care (in private):** The Committee considered written evidence received and agreed to take further oral evidence from the Scottish Government and COSLA.

The meeting closed at 11.53 am.

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