



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

EDUCATION AND CULTURE COMMITTEE

MINUTES

31st Meeting, 2012 (Session 4)

Tuesday 27 November 2012

Present:

George Adam	Clare Adamson
Colin Beattie	Neil Bibby
Neil Findlay (Deputy Convener)	Stewart Maxwell (Convener)
Joan McAlpine	Liam McArthur
Liz Smith	

The meeting opened at 10.00 am.

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed not to take item 3 in private.
2. **Skills Development Scotland:** The Committee took evidence from—

Danny Logue, Director of Operations, and Malcolm Barron, Head of Operations for the South East, Skills Development Scotland;

Derek Cheyne, UNISON SDS Branch Secretary, and James Corry, UNISON SDS Chairperson of Non Departmental Public Bodies Group, UNISON Scotland.
3. **Work programme:** The Committee considered its work programme. The Committee agreed (by division: For 5, Against 4, Abstentions 0) to take further evidence on regionalisation and the Cabinet Secretary for Education and Lifelong Learning's relationship with the further education sector in the context of the Post-16 Education (Scotland) Bill as opposed to the proposal contained in the letter from Neil Findlay, Neil Bibby, Liz Smith and Liam McArthur dated 14 November 2012.

The meeting closed at 12.08 pm.

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