



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

FINANCE COMMITTEE

MINUTES

33rd Meeting, 2012 (Session 4)

Wednesday 12 December 2012

Present:

Gavin Brown
Jamie Hepburn
Elaine Murray

Kenneth Gibson (Convener)
John Mason (Deputy Convener)
Jean Urquhart

Apologies were received from Michael McMahon.

The meeting opened at 10.06 am.

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take item 4 in private.
2. **Demographic change and ageing population:** The Committee took evidence in a round table format from—

Professor David Bell, University of Stirling;

Professor David Blake, Director, Pensions Institute;

Angela Cullen, Assistant Director, Audit Scotland;

Dave Moxham, Deputy Secretary, STUC;

Clare Scott, Investment & Pensions Service Manager, Lothian Pension Fund;

Dave Watson, Scottish Organiser (Bargaining & Campaigns), UNISON.

3. **High Hedges (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee took evidence from—

Mark McDonald MSP;

John Brownlee, Senior Policy Adviser, and Gery McLaughlin, Head of Community Safety Law, Scottish Government.

The Committee agreed to refer to the Local Government and Regeneration Committee the Official Report of the evidence session and the submissions received.

4. **Scotland Act 2012 (in private):** The Committee considered and agreed its approach to monitoring the implementation of the financial powers arising from the Scotland Act 2012.

The meeting closed at 12.01 pm.

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