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Meeting of the Parliament

Tuesday 14 May 2019

Note: (DT) signifies a decision taken at Decision Time.

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Time for Reflection:** Reverend Alan Sorensen, Minister, Wellpark Mid Kirk, Greenock, led Time for Reflection.
- 2. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by Ministers.
- 3. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform (Roseanna Cunningham) made a statement and answered questions on the Global Climate Emergency: Scotland's Response.
- 4. Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Rural Affairs and the Natural Environment (Mairi Gougeon) made a statement and answered questions on Supporting Sheep Farming in Scotland.
- 5. Adopting the Place Principle:** Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Local Government (Aileen Campbell) moved S5M-17265—That the Parliament notes that the places where people live and grow up shape their opportunities and make them feel part of a community; agrees that local decision-making and delivery, informed by the views of the people who live and work there, are key to the social, economic and physical success of places; welcomes the cross-sectoral development of and support for the Place Principle; agrees that the Place Principle supports public, private and community sectors to develop a clear vision for services, assets and investments to maximise the benefit from their combined resources; acknowledges the partnership work of the Scottish Government and COSLA in agreeing and adopting the Place

Principle, and acknowledges that everyone has a role to play in improving outcomes and addressing inequalities in and across communities.

Alex Rowley moved amendment S5M-17265.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-17265 in the name of Aileen Campbell (Adopting the Place Principle), insert at end “; recognises the negative impact of austerity on local services and local communities, and understands that a more joined-up, collaborative and participative approach to services requires sufficient resources to empower local people and those working in local services.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 74, Against 30, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 74, Against 30, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament notes that the places where people live and grow up shape their opportunities and make them feel part of a community; agrees that local decision-making and delivery, informed by the views of the people who live and work there, are key to the social, economic and physical success of places; welcomes the cross-sectoral development of and support for the Place Principle; agrees that the Place Principle supports public, private and community sectors to develop a clear vision for services, assets and investments to maximise the benefit from their combined resources; acknowledges the partnership work of the Scottish Government and COSLA in agreeing and adopting the Place Principle; acknowledges that everyone has a role to play in improving outcomes and addressing inequalities in and across communities; recognises the negative impact of austerity on local services and local communities, and understands that a more joined-up, collaborative and participative approach to services requires sufficient resources to empower local people and those working in local services.

6. Committee Announcement: Graham Simpson, on behalf of the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, made an announcement on the Committee’s report on the Planning (Scotland) Bill as amended at Stage 2.

7. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on item 5 as noted above.

8. Home Start Glenrothes Turns 21: The Parliament debated S5M-16374 in the name of Jenny Gilruth—That the Parliament congratulates Home Start Glenrothes, which is celebrating its 21st anniversary in 2019; welcomes the support that it has provided over the years to help families with young children build better lives; notes that it supports between 60 and 70 families at any given time; acknowledges that the Home Start model relies heavily on volunteers to do the work; understands that the assistance that it offers is tailored to each family and can include one-to-one support for parents; notes that the charity’s work also includes running mindfulness classes and family support and respite groups, providing parents with support with budgeting, teaching cookery skills and its Bookbug session, at which parents read and sing with their children, and wishes Home Start Glenrothes the very best of luck with its work.

The meeting closed at 5.36 pm.

P E Grice
Clerk of the Parliament
14 May 2019

Appendix

(Note: this Appendix does not form part of the Minutes)

Committee Reports

The following report was published on 14 May 2019—

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 24th Report 2019 (Session 5)
Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform
Committee on 14 May 2019 (SP Paper 525)

Other Documents

The following document was laid before the Parliament on 14 May 2019 and is not
subject to parliamentary procedure—

Guidance on Funeral Costs SG/2019/60 laid under Section 98(4) of the Burial and
Cremation (Scotland) Act 2016

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