ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE AND LAND REFORM COMMITTEE

MINUTES

13th Meeting, 2017 (Session 5)

Tuesday 2 May 2017

Present:

Claudia Beamish  Alexander Burnett
Finlay Carson     Peter Chapman (Committee Substitute)
Graeme Dey (Convener)  Kate Forbes
Emma Harper    Richard Lyle
Angus MacDonald  Mark Ruskell
David Stewart

Apologies were received from Maurice Golden (Deputy Convener).

The meeting opened at 9.46 am.

1. Declaration of interests: Peter Chapman was invited to declare any relevant interests.

   Mr Chapman declared an interest as a landowner and farmer in Aberdeenshire which includes the operation of four wind turbines.

2. Decision on taking business in private: The Committee will decide whether to take items 4 and 5 in private.

3. Air quality in Scotland: The Committee took evidence from—

   Professor David Newby, Edinburgh Clinical Research Facility, University of Edinburgh;

   Fintan Hurley, Scientific Director, Institute of Occupational Medicine;

   George Curley, Director of Operations and Facilities, NHS Lothian;

   Dr Colin Ramsay, Consultant Epidemiologist, Health Protection Scotland;
Janice Milne, Head of National Regulatory Services, Scottish Environment Protection Agency;

Emilia Hanna, Air Pollution Campaigner, Friends of the Earth Scotland;

Vincent McInally, Environmental Health Officer, Sustainable Glasgow, Glasgow City Council;

Will Garrett, Spatial Policy Manager, Planning & Transport, The City of Edinburgh Council;

Tom Rye, Professor of Transport and Director of Transport Research Institute, Napier University;

Professor Bob Rees, Head of the Carbon Management Centre, Scotland's Rural College;

Craig McLaren, Director of Scotland and Ireland, Royal Town Planning Institute;

Anna Heslop, Lawyer, Clean Air - Strategic Litigation, Client Earth.

4. **Air quality in Scotland (in private):** The Committee considered evidence heard previously in the meeting.

5. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee reviewed its work programme and agreed its approach to the expected subordinate legislation on the Scottish Government's proposal to permit the shortening of the tails of Spaniel and Hunt Point Retriever puppies, where a vet believes they are likely to be used as a working dog.

The meeting closed at 12.57 pm.

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