ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE AND LAND REFORM COMMITTEE

MINUTES

8th Meeting, 2018 (Session 5)

Tuesday 6 March 2018

Present:

Claudia Beamish  Donald Cameron
Finlay Carson  Graeme Dey (Convener)
Kate Forbes  Richard Lyle
Angus MacDonald  John Scott (Deputy Convener)
Mark Ruskell  Stewart Stevenson

Apologies were received from Alex Rowley.

The meeting opened at 10.40 am.

1. **Decision on taking business in private**: The Committee agreed to take items 3 and 4 in private.

2. **Subordinate legislation**: The Committee considered the following negative instrument:

   The Carbon Accounting Scheme (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2018 (SSI 2018/40)

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

3. **Scotland's Marine Environment**: The Committee agreed its approach to its inquiry on Scotland's Marine Environment, including:

   - to undertake post legislative scrutiny of the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010;
   - to write to Marine Scotland seeking information relating to the National Performance Indicator for Scotland's marine environment, the forthcoming report on the socio-economic impacts of marine protected areas and the consultation on priority marine features; and
to undertake work on marine environment tourism at a suitable point in its work programme.

Claudia Beamish declared an interest as a member of the National Performance Framework roundtable.

4. **Work programme:** The Committee reviewed its work programme and agreed:

- correspondence to the Equalities and Human Rights Committee;
- its approach to its 2017-18 Annual Report;
- to invite the Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland’s Place in Europe to give evidence to the Committee on the UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Legal Continuity)(Scotland) Bill; and
- to invite Scottish Government officials to give evidence on the Conservation of Salmon (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2018 (SSI 2018/37).

The meeting closed at 12.20 pm.

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