Present:

Claudia Beamish
Finlay Carson
Richard Lyle
Joan McAlpine (Committee Substitute)
Mark Ruskell
Stewart Stevenson

Donald Cameron
Graeme Dey (Convener)
Angus MacDonald
Alex Rowley
John Scott (Deputy Convener)

Apologies were received from Alex Neil.

The meeting opened at 9.30 am.

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take item 8 in private.

2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee took evidence on the Environmental Authorisations (Scotland) Regulations 2018 [draft] from—

   Roseanna Cunningham, Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform, and Joyce Carr, Head of Water Environmental Team, Scottish Government.

   The Scottish Government agreed to provide further information on a number of issues.

3. **Subordinate legislation:** Roseanna Cunningham (Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform) moved—

   S5M-12403—That the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee recommends that the Environmental Authorisations (Scotland) Regulations 2018 [draft] be approved.

   The motion was agreed to.
4. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee took evidence on the Community Right to Buy (Abandoned, Neglected or Detrimental Land) Regulations 2018 from—

   Roseanna Cunningham, Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform, Dr Simon Cuthbert-Kerr, Head of Land Reform Unit, and Andrew Ruxton, Scottish Government Legal Directorate, Scottish Government.

   John Scott and Stewart Stevenson declared interests as land owners.

5. **Subordinate legislation:** Roseanna Cunningham (Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform) moved—

   S5M-12209—That the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee recommends that the Community Right to Buy (Abandoned, Neglected or Detrimental Land) (Eligible Land, Regulators and Restrictions on Transfers and Dealing) (Scotland) Regulations 2018 [draft] be approved.

   After debate, the motion was agreed to (by division: For 9, Against 2, Abstentions 0)

6. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee considered the following negative instruments—

   Community Right to Buy (Abandoned, Neglected or Detrimental Land) (Compensation) (Scotland) Order 2018 (SSI 2018/137); and

   Community Right to Buy (Abandoned, Neglected or Detrimental Land) (Applications, Ballots and Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Regulations 2018 (SSI 2018/140).

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

7. **Climate Change Bill (in private):** The Committee considered its approach to the scrutiny of the Bill at Stage 1 and agreed—

   - Themes and issues for exploration throughout the Committee's scrutiny of the Bill;
   - The timetable for its consideration of the Bill;
   - To write to the Scottish Government seeking clarification in advance of its session with the Bill team;
   - To commission a number of briefings on the Bill;
   - To consider its call for views following the meeting with the Scottish Government Bill Team;
   - The themes and witnesses for each evidence session it will hold on the Bill;
To delegate responsibility for confirming alternative/final witnesses to the Convener;

Engagement activities for its work on the Bill;

To hold further considerations of its approach to the Bill in private;

To discuss evidence heard on the Bill in private at Committee meetings

To delegate to the Convener responsibility for:
  ▪ signing off any correspondence which may arise during deliberations on the Bill
  ▪ approving any claims for witness expenses as part of the scrutiny of the Bill
  ▪ Press releases and all media activity

To consider drafts of its Stage 1 report in private.

The meeting closed at 12.43 pm.

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