EQUALITIES AND HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE

MINUTES

22nd Meeting, 2019 (Session 5)

Thursday 26 September 2019

Present:
Angela Constance
Jamie Greene (Committee Substitute)
Ruth Maguire (Convener)
Mary Fee
Fulton MacGregor
Annie Wells
Beatrice Wishart (Committee Substitute)

Apologies were received from Alex Cole-Hamilton (Deputy Convener), Oliver Mundell.

The meeting opened at 9.00 am.

1. **Budget Scrutiny 2020-21:** The Committee took evidence from –

   Paul Bradley, Open Government Project Coordinator, Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations;

   Shaben Begum, Director, Scottish Independent Advocacy Alliance;

   Antony Clark, Audit Director, Audit Scotland;

   Helen Forrest, Chief Executive, Children’s Health Scotland;

   Elric Honoré, Development Officer, Fife Centre for Equalities;

   Lucy Mulvagh, Director of Policy and Communications, Health and Social Care Alliance;

   Richard Robinson, Senior Manager, Audit Scotland;

   Susan Smith, Co-Convener, forwomen.scot;

   Jude Turbyne, Head of Engagement, Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator.
2. **Budget Scrutiny 2020-21 (in private):** The Committee considered the evidence heard.

3. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee considered its work programme and agreed to: write to the Scottish Government seeking clarification on the timescale for the consultation on the Review of the Gender Recognition Act 2004; write to the organisations involved with the Committee’s Destitution, Asylum and Insecure Immigration Status inquiry for a progress update on the recommendations made; take oral evidence on the Scottish Government’s Race Equality Action Plan; write to the Scottish Government about its implementation of the Age of Criminal Responsibility (Scotland) Act 2019; and write for a progress update on the next Scottish National Action Plan for Human Rights.

The meeting closed at 11.30 am.

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