



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

**CULTURE, TOURISM, EUROPE AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES**

**13th Meeting, 2017 (Session 5)**

**Thursday 18 May 2017**

Present:

Mairi Evans	Kate Forbes (Committee Substitute)
Ross Greer	Richard Lochhead
Lewis Macdonald (Deputy Convener)	Joan McAlpine (Convener)
Margaret Mitchell (Committee Substitute)	Tavish Scott

Committee substitutes Kate Forbes and Margaret Mitchell indicated that they had no relevant interests to declare.

Apologies were received from Jackson Carlaw, Stuart McMillan.

The meeting opened at 10.02 am.

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

2. **Scottish tourism:** The Committee took evidence in a roundtable format from—

Eva McDiarmid, Chief Executive, Association of Scottish Visitor Attractions;

Willie MacLeod, Executive Director, British Hospitality Association;

Tom Campbell, Managing Director, North Coast 500;

Caroline Warburton, Tourism Scotland 2020 National Strategy Delivery Coordinator, Scottish Tourism Alliance;

Riddell Graham, Director of Partnerships, VisitScotland;

David Weston, Chairman, Scottish Bed and Breakfast Association;

David Smythe, Chairman, Association of Scottish Self Caterers.

3. **Scottish tourism (in private):** The Committee considered the evidence earlier in the meeting.

The meeting closed at 11.30 am.

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