



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE

MINUTES

12th Meeting, 2020 (Session 5)

Friday 15 May 2020

Present:

James Dornan (Convener)
Jeremy Balfour
Kenneth Gibson
Andy Wightman

Sarah Boyack (Deputy Convener)
Annabelle Ewing
Graham Simpson

The meeting opened at 10.00 am.

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take items 3 and 4 in private. The Committee will also agreed to take its work programme in private at future meetings.
2. **COVID-19:** The Committee took evidence from—

Aileen Campbell, Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Local Government, and Stephen Gallagher, Director for Local Government and Communities, Scottish Government.

Jeremy Balfour MSP indicated that he is a Non Executive Director of the Bethany Christian Trust.
Sarah Boyack declared an interest as having been previously employed as Head of Public Affairs for the Scottish Federation of Housing Associations.
3. **COVID-19:** The Committee considered the evidence heard at today's meeting and agreed to write to the Scottish Government to seek further clarification on points discussed during the evidence session.
4. **Work programme:** The Committee considered its work programme. The Committee agreed to take evidence from Cosla on the impact of COVID-19 on the local government sector at a future meeting, and also to take evidence from witnesses on the the impact of COVID-19 on homelessness at a future meeting.

The meeting closed at 12.25 pm.

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