



LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE

MINUTES

10th Meeting, 2019 (Session 5)

Wednesday 27 March 2019

Present:

James Dornan (Convener)
Kenneth Gibson
Graham Simpson
Andy Wightman

Annabelle Ewing
Alex Rowley (Deputy Convener)
Alexander Stewart

Also present: Liam McArthur, Kevin Stewart (Minister for Local Government, Housing and Planning) (all at agenda item 3).

The meeting opened at 9.30 am.

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take item 4 in private.
2. **Alcohol licensing in Scotland:** The Committee took evidence from—

Ash Denham, Minister for Community Safety, and Peter Reid, Team Leader - Licensing, Criminal Law, Practice and Licensing Unit, Scottish Government.
3. **Fuel Poverty (Target, Definition and Strategy) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee considered the Bill at Stage 2 (Day 1).

The following amendments were agreed to without division: 3, 15, 16, 54, 17, 18.

Amendment 4 was agreed to (by division: For 6, Against 1, Abstentions 0).

Amendment 53 was disagreed to (by division: For 2, Against 5, Abstentions 0).

Amendment 55 was pre-empted.

Amendment 5 was moved and, no member having objected, withdrawn.

Amendment 19 was not moved.

Section 1 as amended was agreed to.

The Committee ended consideration of the Bill for the day, section 1 having been agreed to.

4. **Alcohol licensing in Scotland (in private):** The Committee considered the evidence heard earlier in the meeting and agreed to write to the Scottish Government, the Law Society of Scotland and licensing boards about matters arising from the evidence.

The meeting closed at 12.17 pm.

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