



LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE

MINUTES

11th Meeting, 2019 (Session 5)

Wednesday 3 April 2019

Present:

James Dornan (Convener)
Kenneth Gibson
Graham Simpson
Andy Wightman

Annabelle Ewing
Alex Rowley (Deputy Convener)
Alexander Stewart

Also present: Jackie Baillie, Claudia Beamish, Alexander Burnett, Liam McArthur and Kevin Stewart (Minister for Local Government, Housing and Planning) (all at agenda item 2).

The meeting opened at 9.30 am.

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take item 5 in private.
2. **Fuel Poverty (Target, Definition and Strategy) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee considered the Bill at Stage 2 (Day 2).

The following amendments were agreed to without division: 99, 20, 21A, 21B, 21, 100, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 45, 27, 68, 47, 29, 30, 71, 74, 75, 31, 102, 103, 76, 32, 104, 33, 50, 34, 51, 35, 83, 36, 87, 93A, 93B, 93, 94, 37, 38, 95, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44.

The following amendments were agreed to (by division):

- 6 (For 6, Against 1, Abstentions 0)
- 9 (For 5, Against 1, Abstentions 1)
- 11 (For 5, Against 1, Abstentions 1)
- 13 (For 6, Against 1, Abstentions 0)
- 82 (For 5, Against 2, Abstentions 0)
- 85 (For 5, Against 2, Abstentions 0).

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division):

- 56 (For 1, Against 5, Abstentions 1)

57 (For 1, Against 6, Abstentions 0)
58 (For 1, Against 6, Abstentions 0)
59 (For 1, Against 6, Abstentions 0)
60 (For 1, Against 6, Abstentions 0)
61 (For 1, Against 6, Abstentions 0)
63 (For 1, Against 6, Abstentions 0)
64 (For 1, Against 6, Abstentions 0)
81 (For 2, Against 5, Abstentions 0)
84 (For 2, Against 5, Abstentions 0)
91 (For 1, Against 6, Abstentions 0).

The following amendments were moved and, no member having objected, withdrawn: 101, 89.

The following amendments were pre-empted: 66, 67, 69, 70, 77, 78, 79.

The following amendments were not moved: 7, 46, 72, 49, 73, 10, 12, 14, 80, 86, 88, 90, 92, 96, 97, 98, 1, 2.

Amendment 48 was debated but the question could not be put on it in the absence of a financial resolution.

The following provisions were agreed to without amendment: sections 8, 9.

The following provisions were agreed to as amended: sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, long title.

The Committee completed Stage 2 consideration of the Bill.

Jackie Baillie declared an interest as the Honorary Vice-President of Energy Action Scotland.

Alexander Burnett declared that he had interests in construction and property management.

3. **European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018:** The Committee agreed that the following instrument has been laid under the appropriate procedure—

The Town and Country Planning and Electricity Works (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2019 (SSI 2019/80).

4. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee considered the following negative instrument—

The Town and Country Planning and Electricity Works (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2019 (SSI 2019/80).

The Committee agreed to make no recommendation in relation to the instrument.

5. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee considered its work programme and agreed:
- the remit and call for views on its inquiry into Empty Homes in Scotland;
 - the call for views on the Non-Domestic Rates (Scotland) Bill; and
 - to hold an evidence session on new powers arising from the UK's withdrawal from the European Union.

The meeting closed at 11.31 am.

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