



LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE

MINUTES

14th Meeting, 2019 (Session 5)

Wednesday 15 May 2019

Present:

James Dornan (Convener)
Kenneth Gibson
Graham Simpson
Andy Wightman

Annabelle Ewing
Alex Rowley (Deputy Convener)
Alexander Stewart

The meeting opened at 9.45 am.

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take items 3, 4 and 5 in private.
2. **Empty homes in Scotland:** The Committee took evidence from—

Shaheena Din, National Manager, Scottish Empty Homes Partnership;

Derek Logie, Chief Executive, Rural Housing Scotland.
3. **Empty homes in Scotland (in private):** The Committee considered the evidence heard earlier in the meeting and agreed witnesses for a forthcoming oral evidence session. The Committee also agreed to undertake fact-finding visits as part of its inquiry.
4. **Annual report (in private):** The Committee considered a draft annual report for the parliamentary year from 12 May 2018 to 11 May 2019, agreed a number of changes and agreed to delegate the approval of the final text of the report to the Convener.
5. **Non-Domestic Rates (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee considered and agreed its approach to the scrutiny of the Bill at Stage 1 and also agreed
 - witnesses for forthcoming oral evidence sessions; and

- to undertake fact-finding visits as part of its Stage 1 scrutiny of the Bill.

The meeting closed at 12.14 pm.

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