



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE

MINUTES

8th Meeting, 2020 (Session 5)

Wednesday 4 March 2020

Present:

James Dornan (Convener)
Annabelle Ewing
Graham Simpson

Sarah Boyack (Deputy Convener)
Kenneth Gibson
Andy Wightman

Apologies were received from Jeremy Balfour.

The meeting opened at 11.00 am.

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take item 4 in private.
2. **Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland - Annual Report and Accounts 2018-19:** The Committee took evidence from—

Caroline Anderson, Ethical Standards Commissioner, and Martin Campbell, Director of Investigations and Solicitor to the Commissioner, Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland.
3. **Public petitions: PE1719:** The Committee considered petition PE1719 by Rachel Gibson, on Review of fire safety stay-put policy. The Committee agreed to write to the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service on issues raised in the petition and to close the petition.
4. **Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland - Annual Report and Accounts 2018-19 (in private):** The Committee considered the evidence heard earlier in the meeting, and agreed to write to the Commissioner on issues raised during discussion.

The meeting closed at 12.03 pm.

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