



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE

MINUTES

1st Meeting, 2020 (Session 5)

Wednesday 8 January 2020

Present:

Sarah Boyack (Deputy Convener)
Annabelle Ewing
Graham Simpson
Andy Wightman

James Dornan (Convener)
Kenneth Gibson
Alexander Stewart

Also present: Monica Lennon

The meeting opened at 9.45 am.

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take items 5 and 6 in private.
2. **Period Products (Free Provision) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee took evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—

Aileen Campbell, Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Local Government, Scottish Government.
3. **Budget Scrutiny 2020-21:** The Committee took evidence on the Accounts Commission report "Local Government in Scotland: Financial Overview 2018/19" from—

Graham Sharp, Chair, Accounts Commission;

Fraser McKinlay, Controller of Audit, Brian Howarth, Audit Director, and Christopher Lewis, Senior Auditor, Audit Scotland.
4. **Public Petitions:** The Committee considered the following Petition—

PE01719 by Rachel Gibson, on Review of fire safety stay-put policy

The Committee agreed to consider the issues raised in the Petition during its evidence session with the Scottish Government on Building Safety and Fire Regulations on 22 January.

5. **Period Products (Free Provision) (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee deferred considering the evidence heard earlier in the meeting to a later date.
6. **Budget Scrutiny 2020/21 (in private):** The Committee deferred considering the evidence heard earlier in the meeting to a later date.

The meeting closed at 12.45 pm.

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