PUBLIC AUDIT AND POST-LEGISLATIVE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

26th Meeting, 2020 (Session 5)

Thursday 19 November 2020

Present:
Colin Beattie
Bill Bowman
Alex Neil
Graham Simpson (Deputy Convener)

Neil Bibby
Willie Coffey
Anas Sarwar (Acting Convener)

The meeting opened at 9.30 am.

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take agenda items 3 and 4 in private.

2. **Key audit themes - Data collection and planning for outcomes:** The Committee took evidence from—

   Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;
   
   Alex Hutchison, Director of the Data Collaborative for Children with UNICEF, The Data Lab;
   
   Linda Hutton, Research Team Manager, Citizens Advice Scotland;
   
   Dr Emma Miller, Senior Research Fellow, School of Social Work and Social Policy, University of Strathclyde, representing Personal Outcomes Network;
   
   Claire Sweeney, Director of Place and Wellbeing, Public Health Scotland;
   
   Jennifer Wallace, Head of Policy, Carnegie UK.

3. **Key audit themes - Data collection and planning for outcomes (in private):** The Committee agreed to consider a summary of evidence at a future meeting and to write to the Scottish Government on issues raised during the session.
4. **Correspondence from the Finance and Constitution Committee (in private):** The Committee considered the correspondence and agreed to write to the Convener of the Finance and Constitution Committee with its response.

The meeting closed at 11.23 am.

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