PUBLIC AUDIT AND POST-LEGISLATIVE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

7th Meeting, 2018 (Session 5)

Thursday 22 March 2018

Present:

Bill Bowman, Willie Coffey
Iain Gray, Liam Kerr (Deputy Convener)
Alex Neil

Apologies were received from Colin Beattie, Jenny Marra (Convener).

The meeting opened at 10.02 am.

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take item 3 in private.

2. **Post-legislative Scrutiny: Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002** The Committee took evidence in a roundtable format from—

   Ruchir Shah, Policy Manager, Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations;

   Robin McAlpine, Director, Common Weal;

   Carole Ewart, Convenor, Campaign for Freedom of Information Scotland;

   Tommy Kane;

   Daren Fitzhenry, Scottish Information Commissioner;

   Sarah Hutchison, Head of Policy and Information, and Margaret Keyes, Head of Enforcement, Scottish Information Commissioner.

3. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee considered its future approach to post-legislative scrutiny of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 and agreed to await the recommendations made by the Scottish Information
Commissioner, on his intervention relating to the Scottish Government's FOI performance, before agreeing its further action.

The meeting closed at 11.30 am.

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