PUBLIC AUDIT AND POST-LEGISLATIVE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

17th Meeting, 2019 (Session 5)

Thursday 27 June 2019

Present:

Colin Beattie
Willie Coffey
Jenny Marra (Convener)
Anas Sarwar

Bill Bowman
Liam Kerr (Deputy Convener)
Alex Neil

The meeting opened at 9.01 am.

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take items 3, 4 and 7 in private.

2. **Section 23 report - Enabling digital government:** The Committee took evidence from—

   Caroline Gardner, Auditor General for Scotland;

   Gemma Diamond, Senior Manager, and Morag Campsie, Audit Manager, Audit Scotland.

3. **Section 23 report - Enabling digital government (in private):** The Committee considered the evidence heard at agenda item 2 and took further evidence from—

   Caroline Gardner, Auditor General for Scotland;

   Gemma Diamond, Senior Manager, and Morag Campsie, Audit Manager, Audit Scotland.

   The Committee agreed to consider its next steps at a future meeting.

5. **Post-legislative Scrutiny - Control of Dogs (Scotland) Act 2010 report (in private):** The Committee considered a revised draft report on its post-legislative scrutiny of the Control of Dogs (Scotland) Act 2010. Various changes were agreed to.

6. **Key audit themes (in private):** The Committee considered a revised draft report on key audit themes. Various changes were agreed to.

7. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee agreed to close its consideration of the following reports from the Auditor General for Scotland: "the 2017/18 audit of NHS Ayrshire and Arran"; "the 2017/18 audit of NHS Highland"; "NHS in Scotland 2018" and "the 2017/18 audit of the administration of Scottish income tax".

   The Committee noted the response from the Scottish Government to the Committee's report on Children and young people's mental health.

   The Committee considered correspondence from the Scottish Government on "A Severance Policy for Scotland".

The meeting closed at 10.45 am.

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