PUBLIC AUDIT AND POST-LEGISLATIVE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

18th Meeting, 2018 (Session 5)

Thursday 28 June 2018

Present:

Bill Bowman
Willie Coffey
Kenneth Gibson (Committee Substitute) Iain Gray
Liam Kerr (Deputy Convener) Jenny Marra (Convener)
Alex Neil

Apologies were received from Colin Beattie.

The meeting opened at 9.00 am.

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take items 3 and 5 in private.

2. **The 2016/17 audit of New College Lanarkshire:** The Committee took evidence on the Auditor General for Scotland's section 22 report from—

   Dr Linda McTavish CBE, Chair, Lanarkshire Regional Board;

   Martin McGuire, Principal and Chief Executive, Iain Clark, Vice Principal, Resources, and Derek Smeall, Vice Principal, Strategy and Corporate Performance, New College Lanarkshire;

   Dr John Kemp, Interim Chief Executive, Scottish Funding Council.

3. **The 2016/17 audit of New College Lanarkshire (in private):** The Committee considered the evidence heard at agenda item 2 and took further evidence from—

   Caroline Gardner, Auditor General for Scotland;

   Mark MacPherson, Senior Manager, Audit Scotland;
The Committee agreed to take further evidence on the Auditor General for Scotland’s section 22 report from staff representative organisations at New College Lanarkshire.

4. **Post-legislative Scrutiny: Biodiversity and Biodiversity Reporting Duties (in private):** The Committee agreed its report on its post-legislative scrutiny of the biodiversity and biodiversity reporting duties.

5. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee considered its future work programme.

   The Committee agreed its future approach to its scrutiny of the following reports by the Auditor General for Scotland: Managing the implementation of the Scotland Acts; The administration of the Scottish Rate of Income Tax 2016-17; the 2016-17 audit of NHS Tayside; NHS Workforce Planning; NHS in Scotland 2017. The Committee also agreed its approach to its future scrutiny of the progress of major IT projects and to post-legislative scrutiny of the Control of Dogs (Scotland) Act 2010.

The meeting closed at 11.07 am.

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