Present:

Bill Bowman
Angela Constance (Committee Substitute)
Alex Neil
David Stewart (Committee Substitute)

Willie Coffey
Liam Kerr (Deputy Convener)
Anas Sarwar

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

The meeting opened at 9.00 am.

1. **Decision on taking business in private**: The Committee agreed to take items 4 and 5 in private.

2. **Section 22 report - The 2017/18 audit of the Scottish Police Authority**: The Committee took evidence on the Auditor General for Scotland's report entitled "the 2017/18 audit of the Scottish Police Authority" from—

   Caroline Gardner, Auditor General for Scotland;
   Stephen Boyle, Assistant Director, and Pauline Gillen, Audit Manager, Audit Scotland.

3. **Section 22 report - The 2017/18 audit of Community Justice Scotland**: The Committee took evidence on the Auditor General for Scotland's report entitled "the 2017/18 audit of Community Justice Scotland" from—

   Caroline Gardner, Auditor General for Scotland;
   Mark Roberts, Senior Manager, Audit Scotland;
   Jo Brown, Director, Grant Thornton.
4. **Section 22 report - The 2017/18 audit of the Scottish Police Authority (in private):** The Committee considered the evidence heard at agenda item 2 and took further evidence from—

   Caroline Gardner, Auditor General for Scotland;
   
   Stephen Boyle, Assistant Director, and Pauline Gillen, Audit Manager, Audit Scotland.

   The Committee agreed to write to the Scottish Police Authority on issues raised during the discussion.

5. **Section 22 report - The 2017/18 audit of Community Justice Scotland (in private):** The Committee considered the evidence heard at agenda item 3 and took further evidence from—

   Caroline Gardner, Auditor General for Scotland;
   
   Mark Roberts, Senior Manager, Audit Scotland;
   
   Jo Brown, Director, Grant Thornton.

   The Committee agreed to invite the Accountable Officer at the Scottish Government to give oral evidence at a future Committee meeting.

The meeting closed at 10.47 am.

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