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HEALTH AND SPORT COMMITTEE

1st Meeting 2016, Session 5

CONVENER

*Neil Findlay (Lothian) (Lab)

DEPUTY CONVENER

*Clare Haughey (Rutherglen) (SNP)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

*Tom Arthur (Renfrewshire South) (SNP)

*Miles Briggs (Lothian) (Con)

Donald Cameron (Highlands and Islands) (Con)

*Alex Cole-Hamilton (Edinburgh Western) (LD)

*Alison Johnstone (Lothian) (Green)

*Richard Lyle (Uddingston and Bellshill) (SNP)

*Ivan McKee (Glasgow Provan) (SNP)

Colin Smyth (South Scotland) (Lab)

*Maree Todd (Highlands and Islands) (SNP)

*attended

THE FOLLOWING ALSO PARTICIPATED:

Anas Sarwar (Glasgow) (Lab) (Committee Substitute)

CLERK TO THE COMMITTEE

David Cullum

LOCATION

The James Clerk Maxwell Room (CR4)

Scottish Parliament

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[Richard Lyle opened the meeting at 10:04]

Interests

Richard Lyle (Uddingston and Bellshill) (SNP): Good morning and welcome to the first meeting of the Health and Sport Committee in the fifth session of the Scottish Parliament. We have received apologies from Donald Cameron and Colin Smyth. I ask everyone to switch off their mobile phones, as they can interfere with the sound system.

Rule 12.1.6 of standing orders states that the first meeting of a new session is to be chaired by the oldest committee member—that is me—until a convener is chosen.

The first item on our agenda is the declaration of interests. In accordance with section 3 of the “Code of Conduct for Members of the Scottish Parliament”, I invite members to declare interests that are relevant to the committee’s remit. I remind members that any declaration should be brief but detailed enough to make clear to any listener the nature of the interest.

I will start by registering my interests. I visited Taiwan last year; the costs were met by the Taiwanese Government. I am the honorary president of Orbiston Bowling Club and an honorary member of the Showmen’s Guild of Great Britain. I have nothing further to declare.

Clare Haughey (Rutherglen) (SNP): I am a registered mental health nurse. I maintain my registration with the Nursing and Midwifery Council. I am also a member of Unison.

Tom Arthur (Renfrewshire South) (SNP): I own a £1 share in Barrhead Housing Association, I am a member of the Musicians’ Union, I am a former director and shareholder of Velvet Music Ltd and I am a former freelance piano teacher.

Miles Briggs (Lothian) (Con): I do not think that I have any interests to declare to the committee.

Alex Cole-Hamilton (Edinburgh Western) (LD): I am the former convener of the Scottish Alliance for Children’s Rights. I also own a property that I rent out to social tenants, which has an income of about £10,000 a year.

Alison Johnstone (Lothian) (Green): I am on the board of directors of Scottish Athletics and I

am a Scotland committee member of Fields in Trust. I have no other interests that are particularly relevant to this committee.

Neil Findlay (Lothian) (Lab): My wife and daughter both work for NHS Lothian. I am a member of Unite the union and I am a member of Greenburn Golf Club. Those are the interests that are relevant to this committee.

Maree Todd (Highlands and Islands) (SNP): I am a pharmacist and I am registered with the General Pharmaceutical Council.

Ivan McKee (Glasgow Provan) (SNP): I have a property that I rent out in the Stirling area; I earn between £10,000 and £15,000 a year for that. I also have a 50 per cent share in a property investment business.

Convener

10:07

Richard Lyle: We will now choose a convener. The Parliament has agreed that only members of the Scottish Labour Party are eligible for nomination as convener of the committee. That being the case, I invite nominations for the position of convener.

Alex Cole-Hamilton: I nominate Neil Findlay.

Neil Findlay was chosen as convener.

Richard Lyle: I congratulate Neil Findlay on his appointment and hand over the chair to him for the remainder of the proceedings.

Deputy Convener

10:08

The Convener (Neil Findlay): Thank you very much. We will now choose a deputy convener. The Parliament has agreed that only members of the Scottish National Party are eligible for nomination as deputy convener of the committee. That being the case, I invite nominations for the position of deputy convener.

Tom Arthur: I nominate Clare Haughey.

Clare Haughey was chosen as deputy convener.

The Convener: I congratulate Clare on her appointment and I look forward to working with her over the coming years.

Decision on taking business in private

10:09

Meeting continued in private until 10:42.

10:08

The Convener: We now need to decide whether we consider our work programme in private today and in all future meetings. It is normal practice to consider work programmes in private because that involves discussions about approach papers, witnesses and so on. Do members agree to consider our work programme in private?

Members *indicated agreement.*

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