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**DELEGATED POWERS AND LAW REFORM COMMITTEE**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting 2017, Session 5**

**CONVENER**

\*John Scott (Ayr) (Con)

**DEPUTY CONVENER**

Stuart McMillan (Greenock and Inverclyde) (SNP)

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

\*Alison Harris (Central Scotland) (Con)  
\*Monica Lennon (Central Scotland) (Lab)  
David Torrance (Kirkcaldy) (SNP)

\*attended

**THE FOLLOWING ALSO PARTICIPATED:**

George Adam (Paisley) (SNP) (Committee Substitute)

**CLERK TO THE COMMITTEE**

Euan Donald

**LOCATION**

The Adam Smith Room (CR5)



## Scottish Parliament

### Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

*Tuesday 24 January 2017*

*[The Convener opened the meeting at 10:00]*

### Decision on Taking Business in Private

**The Convener (John Scott):** Good morning, everyone, and welcome to the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee's third meeting in 2017. Stuart McMillan is unable to attend and has submitted his apologies. We are pleased to have George Adam attending as a substitute member. I welcome all my committee colleagues and thank them for coming.

Under agenda item 1, it is proposed that the committee take in private item 5, which is consideration of the committee's second quarterly report for the parliamentary year 2016-17. Does the committee agree to do that?

**Members** *indicated agreement.*

### Instruments subject to Negative Procedure

10:01

**The Convener:** No points have been raised by our legal advisers on the following four negative instruments.

**Plant Health (Import Inspection Fees) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/6)**

**Title Conditions (Scotland) Act 2003 (Rural Housing Bodies) Amendment Order 2017 (SSI 2017/7)**

**Non-Domestic Rate (Scotland) Order 2017 (SSI 2017/8)**

**Non-Domestic Rates (Levy) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/9)**

**The Convener:** Is the committee content with the instruments?

**Members** *indicated agreement.*

## Instruments not subject to Parliamentary Procedure

### **Act of Sederunt (Rules of the Court of Session 1994 Amendment) (Leave to Appeal) 2017 (SSI 2017/4)**

10:01

**The Convener:** No points have been raised by our legal advisers on the instrument. Is the committee content with it?

**Members** *indicated agreement.*

## Scottish Social Housing Charter

10:02

**The Convener:** Item 4 is consideration of the Scottish social housing charter. Section 33 of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2010 provides that the charter does not have effect unless it is approved by a resolution of the Parliament. The committee is therefore considering the charter in accordance with rule 10.10 of standing orders, in the same way as it would consider an instrument that is subject to the affirmative procedure.

No points have been raised by our legal advisers on the charter, which is document SG/2017/2. Is the committee content with it?

**Members** *indicated agreement.*

10:03

*Meeting continued in private until 10:20.*

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