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**JUSTICE SUB-COMMITTEE ON POLICING**

**1<sup>st</sup> Meeting 2018, Session 5**

**CONVENER**

\*John Finnie (Highlands and Islands) (Green)

**DEPUTY CONVENER**

\*Margaret Mitchell (Central Scotland) (Con)

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

\*Daniel Johnson (Edinburgh Southern) (Lab)

\*Rona Mackay (Strathkelvin and Bearsden) (SNP)

\*Ben Macpherson (Edinburgh Northern and Leith) (SNP)

\*Liam McArthur (Orkney Islands) (LD)

\*Stewart Stevenson (Banffshire and Buchan Coast) (SNP)

\*attended

**LOCATION**

The David Livingstone Room (CR6)



## Scottish Parliament

### Justice Sub-Committee on Policing

*Thursday 18 January 2018*

*[The Deputy Convener opened the meeting at 13:00]*

### Interests

**The Deputy Convener (Margaret Mitchell):** Welcome, everyone, to the first meeting in 2018 of the Justice Sub-Committee on Policing. No apologies have been received.

Agenda item 1 is a declaration of interests by our new member. I extend a warm welcome to Daniel Johnson and ask him whether he has any interests to declare.

**Daniel Johnson (Edinburgh Southern) (Lab):** Thank you, convener. I have no direct interests to declare, but I want to make committee members aware that my wife is a practising solicitor.

**The Deputy Convener:** Thank you for that.

### Convener

13:00

**The Deputy Convener:** Agenda item 2 is choice of convener. The procedure is explained in paper 1. As this is a sub-committee, under standing orders, it is for the members to decide who is to be convener. All members of the sub-committee are eligible to be nominated. I invite any member to nominate another member for the post.

**Stewart Stevenson (Banffshire and Buchan Coast) (SNP):** It is my very great pleasure to nominate our colleague John Finnie to be convener.

*John Finnie was chosen as convener.*

**The Deputy Convener:** It is my pleasure to wish you well in your new post, John, and to hand over the chair to you.

**The Convener (John Finnie):** Thank you very much indeed, colleagues. This has always been a consensual committee, and I am sure that it will continue on that basis.

I thank my predecessor, Mary Fee, who has moved on. Mary was an excellent convener, and her hard work was much appreciated. I assure members of similar efforts.

## Decision on Taking Business in Private

13:02

**The Convener:** The next item is a decision on taking business in private. Is the committee content to take in private item 4, which is our work programme?

**Members indicated agreement.**

**The Convener:** Thank you very much. We now move to item 4, which will be taken in private.

13:02

*Meeting continued in private until 13:20.*



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