

EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES COMMITTEE

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EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES COMMITTEE

17th Meeting 2005, Session 2

CONVENER

*Cathy Peattie (Falkirk East) (Lab)

DEPUTY CONVENER

*Nora Radcliffe (Gordon) (LD)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Frances Curran (West of Scotland) (SSP)

*Marlyn Glen (North East Scotland) (Lab)

*Marilyn Livingstone (Kirkcaldy) (Lab)

Mr Jamie McGrigor (Highlands and Islands) (Con)

*Elaine Smith (Coatbridge and Chryston) (Lab)

John Swinburne (Central Scotland) (SSCUP)

*Ms Sandra White (Glasgow) (SNP)

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTES

Bill Aitken (Glasgow) (Con)

Jackie Baillie (Dumbarton) (Lab)

Ms Rosemary Byrne (South of Scotland) (SSP)

Linda Fabiani (Central Scotland) (SNP)

Patrick Harvie (Glasgow) (Green)

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Committee Room 1

Scottish Parliament

Equal Opportunities Committee

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[THE CONVENER *opened the meeting at 10:31*]

Subordinate Legislation

Disability Discrimination (Public Authorities) (Statutory Duties) (Scotland) Regulations 2005 (SSI 2005/565)

The Convener (Cathy Peattie): Good morning and welcome to the 17th meeting in 2005 of the Equal Opportunities Committee. I remind all those present that mobile phones should be turned off. We have apologies from Frances Curran, Jamie McGrigor and John Swinburne, who has to attend a funeral.

Agenda item 1 is subordinate legislation. The Disability Discrimination (Public Authorities) (Statutory Duties) (Scotland) Regulations 2005 come into force on 5 December and will remain in force unless they are annulled by the Parliament within 40 days of their being laid. No motion to annul the regulations has been lodged.

The regulations require public authorities to set out how they intend to comply with the general duty to promote equality of opportunity for disabled people, which was introduced by section 49(A) of the Disability Discrimination Act 1995, by the time that the duty comes into force in December 2006.

Are members content with the regulations and for us to report to the Parliament that the committee has no recommendation to make?

Members *indicated agreement.*

Item in Private

10:33

The Convener: Under agenda item 2, I ask members to agree to take in private a future agenda item on our approach to our stocktaking exercise on age issues. Do members agree to take that item in private?

Members *indicated agreement.*

Meeting closed at 10:33.

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