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EQUALITIES AND HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE
16th Meeting 2018, Session 5

CONVENER

*Christina McKelvie (Hamilton, Larkhall and Stonehouse) (SNP)

DEPUTY CONVENER

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

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

*Mary Fee (West Scotland) (Lab)

*Fulton MacGregor (Coatbridge and Chryston) (SNP)

*Oliver Mundell (Dumfriesshire) (Con)

*Gail Ross (Caithness, Sutherland and Ross) (SNP)

*Annie Wells (Glasgow) (Con)

*attended

CLERK TO THE COMMITTEE

Claire Menzies

LOCATION

The Adam Smith Room (CR5)

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[The Convener opened the meeting at 09:00]

Interests

The Convener (Christina McKelvie): Good morning and welcome to the 16th meeting in 2018 of the Equalities and Human Rights Committee. I make the usual request that electronic devices are switched to airplane mode and that mobile phones are kept off the table.

Our first agenda item is a declaration of interests. Before we begin, I put on record the committee's thanks to Jamie Greene for his service on the committee and for the important work that he undertook with us, particularly in respect of the Historical Sexual Offences (Pardons and Disregards) (Scotland) Bill. We wish him well on his next committee.

I welcome Oliver Mundell to the committee. We are very glad to have you on the committee, Oliver.

Oliver Mundell (Dumfriesshire) (Con): Thank you, convener. I am delighted to be joining the committee. I have no relevant interests to declare.

The Convener: We hope that you will enjoy your time on the committee.

Decision on Taking Business in Private

09:01

The Convener: Agenda item 2 is a decision on whether to take in private the third item on today's agenda. Do members agree to take item 3 in private?

Members *indicated agreement.*

09:01

Meeting continued in private until 11:33.

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