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HUTCHESONS' HOSPITAL TRANSFER AND DISSOLUTION (SCOTLAND) BILL COMMITTEE 1st Meeting 2018, Session 5

CONVENER

*Kezia Dugdale (Lothian) (Lab)

DEPUTY CONVENER *Stewart Stevenson (Banffshire and Buchan Coast) (SNP)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS *Maurice Corry (West Scotland) (Con) *Ruth Maguire (Cunninghame South) (SNP)

*attended

CLERK TO THE COMMITTEE Vanda Knowles

LOCATION The Sir Alexander Fleming Room (CR3)

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[Stewart Stevenson opened the meeting at 12:15]

Interests

Stewart Stevenson (Banffshire and Buchan Coast) (SNP): Good morning and welcome to the first meeting of the Hutchesons' Hospital Transfer and Dissolution (Scotland) Bill Committee. I remind all those present, including members, that mobile phones and other devices should be set to silent.

Agenda item 1 is declaration of interests and impartiality. In accordance with section 3 of the code of conduct, I invite members to declare any interests relevant to the committee's remit, with the reminder that declarations should be brief but sufficiently detailed to make the nature of the interest clear to any listener. Moreover, in accordance with rule 9A.5.4A of standing orders, I invite each member to declare that he or she will act impartially and will base decisions solely on the evidence and information provided to the committee.

I will start. I declare that I will act impartially in my capacity as a member of the Hutchesons' Hospital Transfer and Dissolution (Scotland) Bill Committee; that I will base decisions solely on the evidence and information provided to the committee; and that I do not otherwise have any interests that touch on the matters before us.

Kezia Dugdale (Lothian) (Lab): I declare that I will act impartially in my capacity as a member of the Hutchesons' Hospital Transfer and Dissolution (Scotland) Bill Committee and will base decisions solely on the evidence and information provided to the committee.

Maurice Corry (West Scotland) (Con): I declare that I will act impartially in my capacity as a member of the Hutchesons' Hospital Transfer and Dissolution (Scotland) Bill Committee and will base decisions solely on the evidence and information provided to the committee. Furthermore, I have no interests to declare.

Ruth Maguire (Cunninghame South) (SNP): I declare that I will act impartially in my capacity as a member of the Hutchesons' Hospital Transfer and Dissolution (Scotland) Bill Committee and will base decisions solely on the evidence and information provided to the committee. I have no relevant interests to declare.

Convener

12:17

Stewart Stevenson: Agenda item 2 is choice of convener. The Parliament has agreed that the convener of the committee should be a member of the Scottish Labour Party. As Kezia Dugdale is the only Labour member of the committee, do we agree to choose her as convener?

Kezia Dugdale was chosen as convener.

Stewart Stevenson: I congratulate Kezia Dugdale on her appointment and hand over the chair to her for the remainder of the proceedings.

The Convener (Kezia Dugdale): Thank you. I also thank the officials for their preparations for today's meeting. They have been much appreciated by all members.

Deputy Convener

12:17

The Convener: Agenda item 3 is choice of deputy convener. The Parliament has agreed that only members of the Scottish National Party are eligible for nomination as deputy convener of the committee. I invite Stewart Stevenson to confirm that he is the SNP's nominee.

Stewart Stevenson: I so confirm.

Stewart Stevenson was chosen as deputy convener.

The Convener: I congratulate Stewart Stevenson on his appointment and look forward to working with him and other members.

Decision on Taking Business in Private

12:18

The Convener: Agenda item 4 is a decision on taking business in private. Do members agree to take in private item 5, which is consideration of the committee's work programme?

Members indicated agreement.

The Convener: The committee's public business is now concluded.

12:18

Meeting continued in private until 12:27.

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