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STANDARDS, PROCEDURES AND PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE
6th Meeting 2019, Session 5

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DEPUTY CONVENER

*Mark Ruskell (Mid Scotland and Fife) (Green)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

*Jamie Halcro Johnston (Highlands and Islands) (Con)

*Tom Mason (North East Scotland) (Con)

*Gil Paterson (Clydebank and Milngavie) (SNP)

*Elaine Smith (Central Scotland) (Lab)

*Maureen Watt (Aberdeen South and North Kincardine) (SNP)

*attended

CLERK TO THE COMMITTEE

Katy Orr

LOCATION

The James Clerk Maxwell Room (CR4)

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[The Convener opened the meeting at 10:00]

Decisions on Taking Business in Private

The Convener (Bill Kidd): Welcome, everyone, to the 6th meeting in 2019 of the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee. Agenda item 1 is a decision on taking business in private.

Agenda item 4 is a complaint report from the Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland and item 5 is consideration of a rule change to the standing orders. Do members agree to take those items in private?

Members indicated agreement.

The Convener: Agenda item 2 is another decision on taking business in private. The committee needs to decide whether to take future consideration of the report from the commissioner and the committee's draft report on the complaint in private at a future meeting. Do members agree to take those items in private?

Members indicated agreement.

Cross-party Group

10:01

The Convener: We move to something a wee bit more substantive. Agenda item 3 is consideration of a change of purpose for the cross-party group on the future of football in Scotland. Everyone has had a chance to look at the papers for this. Does anyone wish to raise any points?

Elaine Smith (Central Scotland) (Lab): Can we just clarify that there is no conflict with any other cross-party group and no leaking into other cross-party groups' accountabilities?

The Convener: Yes—absolutely. That is an important point to raise, because it is a *raison d'être* for bringing the matter to the committee. The change of purpose has been checked by the clerks and there is no leakage or attempt to take over the work of any other cross-party group, so it is fine from that point of view.

We can do one of two things. We can approve the proposed purpose change to the cross-party group on the future of football in Scotland, or we can invite the convener of the cross-party group, Fulton MacGregor MSP, to attend a future meeting to provide further information before we decide whether the change should be agreed. Does anyone think that it is necessary to invite Fulton MacGregor to a future meeting?

Members: No.

The Convener: We therefore approve the proposed purpose change.

Members indicated agreement.

The Convener: We now move into private session.

10:02

Meeting continued in private until 10:44.

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