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COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE **20th Meeting 2005, Session 2**

CONVENER

*Karen Whitefield (Airdrie and Shotts) (Lab)

DEPUTY CONVENER

*Donald Gorrie (Central Scotland) (LD)

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*Scott Barrie (Dunfermline West) (Lab)
*Cathie Craigie (Cumbernauld and Kilsyth) (Lab)
*Linda Fabiani (Central Scotland) (SNP)
*Christine Grahame (South of Scotland) (SNP)
*Patrick Harvie (Glasgow) (Green)
*Mr John Home Robertson (East Lothian) (Lab)
*Mary Scanlon (Highlands and Islands) (Con)

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Shiona Baird (North East Scotland) (Green)
Christine May (Central Fife) (Lab)
Mike Rumbles (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine) (LD)
Ms Sandra White (Glasgow) (SNP)

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Committee Room 6

Scottish Parliament

Communities Committee

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[THE CONVENER *opened the meeting at 09:30*]

Item in Private

The Convener (Karen Whitefield): I welcome everyone to the 20th meeting of the Communities Committee in 2005. I remind all those present that mobile phones should be turned off.

Item 1 on the agenda is to consider whether to take item 3, which is the committee's work programme, in private. Would anyone like to comment on the proposal?

Mr John Home Robertson (East Lothian) (Lab): Yes.

The Convener: Mr Home Robertson, would you like to comment, or are you agreeing to the proposal?

Mr Home Robertson: I think that we should just do it.

Members indicated agreement.

The Convener: It is therefore agreed that the committee will take item 3 in private.

Subordinate Legislation

Charities (Designated Religious Bodies) (Scotland) Order 2005 (SSI 2005/306)

09:31

The Convener: The order was laid on 7 June and is subject to the negative procedure. The purpose of the order is to designate the United Free Church of Scotland a designated religious body under section 3 of the Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Act 1990. Section 3 of the 1990 act will remain in force until it is repealed by the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, at which time all existing designated religious bodies, including the United Free Church of Scotland, will be deemed to be designated religious charities.

Members have been provided with a copy of the order and the explanatory note. Do members have any comments?

Members indicated disagreement.

The Convener: Is the committee therefore content with the order?

Members indicated agreement.

The Convener: The committee will therefore make no recommendation on the order in its report to the Parliament. Do members agree that we should report to the Parliament on our decision?

Members indicated agreement.

Housing (Scotland) Act 2001 (Payments out of Grants for Housing Support Services) Amendment Order 2005 (SSI 2005/322)

The Convener: The order was laid on 10 June and is subject to the negative procedure.

The purpose of the order is to amend the Housing (Scotland) Act 2001 (Payments out of Grants for Housing Support Services) Amendment Order 2004 (SSI 2004/108), which allows local authorities to use supporting people grants paid by Scottish ministers for the provision of housing support services. The 2005 amendment order reinstates the link between the payment of such grants and the requirement to register support services with the Scottish Commission for the Regulation of Care. The link had been temporarily removed to resolve difficulties with the registration of housing support services by the care commission and to ensure that those problems did not prevent service providers from receiving funding for vulnerable clients. Those difficulties have now been resolved.

Members have been provided with a copy of the order and the explanatory note. Do members have any comments?

Donald Gorrie (Central Scotland) (LD): I have a comment of great seriousness. There is an intrusive apostrophe in the Executive note. It says "Executive's" and it should not. Despite that, I will support the order.

The Convener: I am very grateful to Mr Gorrie for his grammatical advice; I am sure that we all welcome it. We are also pleased to note that he read his papers with diligence and care last night.

Notwithstanding Mr Gorrie's comments, I ask the committee whether it is content with the order.

Members indicated agreement.

The Convener: In that case, the committee will make no recommendation on the order in its report to the Parliament. Do members agree that we should report to the Parliament on our decision?

Members indicated agreement.

09:35

Meeting suspended until 09:36 and thereafter continued in private until 09:46.

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