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13th Meeting 2008, Session 3

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*Duncan McNeil (Greenock and Inverclyde) (Lab)

DEPUTY CONVENER

*Kenneth Gibson (Cunninghame North) (SNP)

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*Alasdair Allan (Western Isles) (SNP)

*Bob Doris (Glasgow) (SNP)

*Patricia Ferguson (Glasgow Maryhill) (Lab)

*Johann Lamont (Glasgow Pollok) (Lab)

*David McLetchie (Edinburgh Pentlands) (Con)

*Jim Tolson (Dunfermline West) (LD)

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Scottish Parliament

Local Government and Communities Committee

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[THE CONVENER *opened the meeting at 10:00*]

Decisions on Taking Business in Private

The Convener (Duncan McNeil): Good morning. I welcome everyone to the 13th meeting in 2008 of the Local Government and Communities Committee. I remind everyone to switch off mobile phones and BlackBerrys, as a recent e-mail has confirmed that the interference during a previous meeting was due to someone's gizmo being live.

Under agenda item 1, the committee is invited to agree to take items 3 and 4 in private. Item 3 is consideration of a draft report of the summary of evidence on the committee's work on the elections 2007. Discussions on the contents of draft reports are normally held in private. Are we agreed to take item 3 in private?

Members indicated agreement.

The Convener: I also ask members to agree to take all future discussions of that draft report in private. Is that agreed?

Members indicated agreement.

The Convener: Agenda item 4 is consideration of a draft of the committee's annual report. As previously mentioned, discussions on draft reports are normally held in private. Are we agreed to take item 4 in private?

Members indicated agreement.

Subordinate Legislation

Firefighters' Pension Scheme (Scotland) Order 2007 Amendment Order 2008 (SSI 2008/160)

Firefighters' Pension Scheme Amendment (Scotland) Order 2008 (SSI 2008/161)

Planning etc (Scotland) Act 2006 (Development Planning) (Saving Provisions) Order 2008 (SSI 2008/165)

10:01

The Convener: Under agenda item 2, the committee will consider three negative instruments. Members have raised no concerns about any of the instruments and no motion to annul any of the instruments has been lodged—

Kenneth Gibson (Cunninghame North) (SNP): Not even by Jim Tolson.

The Convener: Are members agreed that we have nothing to report to Parliament on the first instrument?

Members indicated agreement.

The Convener: Are members agreed that we have nothing to report to Parliament on the second instrument?

Members indicated agreement.

The Convener: Are members agreed that we have nothing to report to Parliament on the third instrument?

Members indicated agreement.

The Convener: We now move to agenda item 3, which is a discussion in private of our draft report on the elections 2007.

10:02

Meeting continued in private until 11:40.

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