

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

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(*Afternoon*)

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

2nd Meeting 2003, Session 2

CONVENER

*Bristow Muldoon (Livingston) (Lab)

DEPUTY CONVENER

*Mr Andrew Welsh (Angus) (SNP)

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*Dr Sylvia Jackson (Stirling) (Lab)

Rosie Kane (Glasgow) (SSP)

*Mr Bruce McFee (West of Scotland) (SNP)

*Michael McMahon (Hamilton North and Bellshill) (Lab)

Paul Martin (Glasgow Springburn) (Lab)

*David Mundell (South of Scotland) (Con)

Iain Smith (North East Fife) (LD)

*attended

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Committee Room 1

Scottish Parliament

Local Government and Transport Committee

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[THE CONVENER *opened the meeting at 14:04*]

The Convener (Bristow Muldoon): I welcome everyone to the second meeting in 2003 of the Local Government and Transport Committee. We have received an apology from Iain Smith MSP.

The first item was to be declaration of interests, but the only member who has yet to declare their interests is not present. Depending on whether they attend, we might return to the item later in the meeting.

Subordinate Legislation

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002 (Consequential Modification of Instruments) Order 2003 (SSI 2003/242)

The Convener: The second item on the agenda is consideration of a piece of subordinate legislation. The order is a negative instrument amending a number of other statutory instruments to allow for the extension of powers of investigation of the Scottish public services ombudsman. It covers several bodies that should fall within the ombudsman's remit.

We have received no motion to annul the order. The Subordinate Legislation Committee considered the order earlier today and I understand that it found no significant problems that should cause us alarm. However, before I ask members to approve the order, I seek their comments on it.

Mr Andrew Welsh (Angus) (SNP): The order covers a straightforward technical matter.

The Convener: On that basis, the recommendation is that the committee has no recommendation to make on the order. Do members agree to that recommendation?

Members *indicated agreement.*

The Convener: At our meeting last week, members agreed to take in private a briefing on the committee's future work programme by Scottish Parliament information centre researchers. As a result, I bring the public part of the meeting to a close. I thank members of the public for their attendance.

14:06

Meeting continued in private until 15:17.

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