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LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

6th Meeting 2002, Session 1

CONVENER

*Trish Godman (West Renfrew shire) (Lab)

DEPUTY CONVENER

*Dr Sylvia Jackson (Stirling) (Lab)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

*Mr Keith Harding (Mid Scotland and Fife) (Con)

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

Tricia Marwick (Mid Scotland and Fife) (SNP)

*Iain Smith (North-East Fife) (LD)

*Ms Sandra White (Glasgow) (SNP)

*attended

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Committee Room 3

Scottish Parliament

Local Government Committee

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[THE CONVENER opened the meeting at 14:02]

Item in Private

The Convener (Trish Godman): I apologise for being a couple of minutes late, comrades. I ask that we take item 3 in private. The item relates to our conclusions on the local government finance inquiry, which obviously we want to discuss in private. Are members agreed?

Members indicated agreement.

Subordinate Legislation

Local Authorities Etc (Allowances) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2002 (SSI 2002/15)

The Convener: The next agenda item is subordinate legislation. We will consider an instrument under the negative procedure—

Mr Keith Harding (Mid Scotland and Fife) (Con): Before you start, convener, I would like to declare a pecuniary interest.

The Convener: Yes, of course—I had forgotten about you. That might change our decision on the matter.

Mr Harding: I will not be voting.

Iain Smith (North-East Fife) (LD): I have changed my mind on how I will vote.

The Convener: Thank you.

The Local Authorities Etc (Allowances) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2002 was sent to members some time ago. We have not received any comments from members. The Subordinate Legislation Committee considered the instrument and concluded that the attention of the Parliament need not be drawn to it. The report is included in members' papers.

The instrument amends the Local Authorities Etc (Allowances) (Scotland) Regulations 1995, which provide for the payment of various sorts of allowances to members of Scottish local authorities and joint boards. The amendments all concern increases in the maximum allowances that are payable.

No motions to annul have been lodged and no other action can be taken on the instrument. The only comment that has been made is Keith Harding's declaration of interest. He has said that he will not vote.

Are we agreed that the Local Government Committee has no recommendation to make on the Local Authorities Etc (Allowances) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2002 (SSI 2002/15)?

Members indicated agreement.

The Convener: Thank you.

14:04

Meeting continued in private until 15:49.

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