

# **STANDARDS, PROCEDURES AND PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE**

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## STANDARDS, PROCEDURES AND PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

11<sup>th</sup> Meeting 2009, Session 3

### CONVENER

\*Gil Paterson (West of Scotland) (SNP)

### DEPUTY CONVENER

Marilyn Livingstone (Kirkcaldy) (Lab)

### COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Robert Brown (Glasgow) (LD)

\*Aileen Campbell (South of Scotland) (SNP)

\*Nanette Milne (North East Scotland) (Con)

\*Peter Peacock (Highlands and Islands) (Lab)

\*Dave Thompson (Highlands and Islands) (SNP)

### COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTES

Alasdair Morgan (South of Scotland) (SNP)

Mary Mulligan (Linlithgow) (Lab)

Mike Rumbles (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine) (LD)

Elizabeth Smith (Mid Scotland and Fife) (Con)

\*attended

### CLERKS TO THE COMMITTEE

Gillian Baxendine

Alison Walker

### SENIOR ASSISTANT CLERKS

Mary Dinsdale

Jane Williams

### ASSISTANT CLERK

Catherine Fergusson

### LOCATION

Committee Room 4



## Scottish Parliament

### Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee

*Tuesday 29 September 2009*

[THE CONVENER *opened the meeting at 14:15*]

### Decision on Taking Business in Private

**The Convener (Gil Paterson):** Welcome to the 11<sup>th</sup> meeting in 2009 of the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee. I have received apologies from Marilyn Livingstone and Robert Brown.

The committee previously agreed to consider in private a draft stage 1 report on the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Bill and a paper on section 2 of the code of conduct for members of the Scottish Parliament—we will do that under items 6 and 7. I suggest that we also take in private item 4, on the review of the budget process, because the committee has not yet agreed its approach to the Finance Committee's report on that matter, and item 5, on the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Bill, because this will be the first opportunity to consider our response to the Finance Committee and our draft response might not reflect our final view.

Do members agree to take items 4 and 5 in private?

**Members indicated agreement.**

## Cross-party Group

14:16

**The Convener:** Item 2 is consideration of an application for recognition from the proposed cross-party group on industrial communities. The convener of the proposed group, Cathy Jamieson, was to attend but has notified us that she is running late, which is unfortunate. I had a question for her, which I will put on the public record.

I noted that the application form lists a number of non-MSP individual members who represent the same organisation. If those people are to be members of the CPG in connection with their roles in their organisations, I recommend that they be listed as organisational rather than individual members. I will write to Cathy Jamieson to ask for clarification on the matter. The issue need not hold up recognition of the group.

**Aileen Campbell (South of Scotland) (SNP):** I understand that I do not need to say this, but for the record I indicate that I intend to join the group if the committee agrees to accord it recognition.

**The Convener:** That is duly noted. Your interest in joining does not prevent your participating in the decision.

If there are no more comments from members, I recommend that the committee accord recognition to the proposed group. Are members happy with that?

**Members indicated agreement.**

## Standing Orders

14:18

**The Convener:** The convener of the Subordinate Legislation Committee has written to us to highlight potential changes to chapter 10 of the standing orders of the Scottish Parliament, on subordinate legislation procedure, which are in addition to changes that might be required as a result of enacting the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Bill. The Subordinate Legislation Committee asked that we consider the additional rule changes in conjunction with the changes that will be required if the bill is enacted. Do members agree to do that?

**Members** *indicated agreement.*

**The Convener:** Thank you. That concludes the public part of the meeting.

14:19

*Meeting continued in private until 15:30.*

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