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CONVENER

*Tricia Marwick (Mid Scotland and Fife) (SNP)

DEPUTY CONVENER

*Christine May (Central Fife) (Lab)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

*Mr Ted Brocklebank (Mid Scotland and Fife) (Con)

Gordon Jackson (Glasgow Govan) (Lab)

*Margaret Smith (Edinburgh West) (LD)

*attended

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[THE CONVENER *opened the meeting at 10:49*]

Item in Private

The Convener (Tricia Marwick): First, I ask members to ensure that their phones are switched off.

Agenda item 1 is to consider whether to take item 2 in private, which will involve the committee considering its tendering options for the analysis of the outline business case, which has been received from the promoter. Can I have members' views?

Mr Ted Brocklebank (Mid Scotland and Fife) (Con): I am one of those people who think that most items should be held in public if they can be. Unless there are really good reasons for taking items in private, the norm should be that we take them in public. However, I am open to the views of others if they think that there are extenuating circumstances.

Christine May (Central Fife) (Lab): I would prefer that the item be taken in private. I want to ask a number of questions, which I would prefer to be answered in private, about the three nominees who are listed in the paper.

Margaret Smith (Edinburgh West) (LD): With the exception of the shortlist of organisations for the tender, I am happy for the item to be taken in public. However, I would like that aspect to be taken in private. That is normal practice when we are talking about such issues.

The Convener: Yes, it is normal when we are talking about tendering.

Margaret Smith: I would be happy for the rest of the item to be taken in public, but I do not know whether we can do it that way.

The Convener: We record all our decisions in the minutes, even if we have a private meeting. Does that help?

Christine May: We should just follow normal practice and take the item in private.

Margaret Smith: I am quite relaxed about it. The conversation could go a number of ways, so it would probably be easier to deal with it in private.

The Convener: Yes. There are a number of issues that might stray, which could be difficult.

In that case, we move into private session. I ask members of the public, and official report and broadcasting staff to leave the room.

10:52

Meeting continued in private until 11:33.

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