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# STANDARDS, PROCEDURES AND PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

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# STANDARDS, PROCEDURES AND PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE 7<sup>th</sup> Meeting 2010, 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)
- \*Angela Constance (Livingston) (SNP)
- \*Nanette Milne (North East Scotland) (Con)
- \*Peter Peacock (Highlands and Islands) (Lab)

# **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

# **C**LERK TO THE COMMITTEE

Gillian Baxendine Alison Walker

### LOCATION

Committee Room 5

# **Scottish Parliament**

# Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee

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[The Convener opened the meeting at 14:15]

### **Interests**

The Convener (Gil Paterson): I welcome everyone to the seventh meeting this year of the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee. I welcome Angela Constance to the committee. I want to put on record our thanks to Dave Thompson, who performed extremely well on the committee. We will miss his thoughtful contributions, which brought a lot of depth to the committee. I am sure that members agree.

I invite Angela Constance to declare interests.

Angela Constance (Livingston) (SNP): I always like to declare, for the record, that prior to being elected as a member of the Scottish Parliament I was a social worker and local government councillor. I am aware that I am not required to declare that, but I prefer to do so.

The Convener: Thank you.

# Decisions on Taking Business in Private

**The Convener:** Do members agree to take item 6 in private?

Members indicated agreement.

The Convener: Thank you. We must also decide whether to take business in private at future meetings. The business in question is consideration of standing orders rule 9.7.6 and scrutiny of Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body-supported bodies. Both items will involve initial consideration of possible changes to standing orders, so I recommend that we consider them in private. Do members agree?

Members indicated agreement.

The Convener: Thank you.

14:16

Meeting continued in private until 15:20.

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