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CONVENER

*Dave Thompson (Skye, Lochaber and Badenoch) (SNP)

DEPUTY CONVENER

Helen Eadie (Cowdenbeath) (Lab)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

*Brian Adam (Aberdeen Donside) (SNP)

*John Lamont (Ettrick, Roxburgh and Berwickshire) (Con)

*Richard Lyle (Central Scotland) (SNP)

*Margaret McCulloch (Central Scotland) (Lab)

*Fiona McLeod (Strathkelvin and Bearsden) (SNP)

*attended

CLERK TO THE COMMITTEE

Gillian Baxendine

Alison Walker

LOCATION

Committee Room 6

Scottish Parliament

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee

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[The Convener *opened the meeting at 09:30*]

Cross-party Group

The Convener (Dave Thompson): Good morning, ladies and gentlemen, and welcome to the 17th meeting in 2012 of the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee. I remind members to turn off mobile phones and BlackBerrys.

Agenda item 1 is the committee's consideration of changes of name and purpose for the current cross-party group on tobacco control. Members have a paper on the subject. Are there any comments?

Brian Adam (Aberdeen Donside) (SNP): I declare an interest as a former convener of that cross-party group. I am not sure that we need to see the present convener either now or in the future. I do not have a particular problem with what has been requested, although I am not sure what it will achieve.

Richard Lyle (Central Scotland) (SNP): I agree with Brian Adam. The paper sets out the reason for the change and I do not see any problem with it. I, too, think that we do not need to invite the convener along. I therefore suggest that we approve the proposed name change and purpose change for the cross-party group.

The Convener: Is that the general view of members? It seems to be.

Members *indicated agreement.*

The Convener: Okay. We agree to the changes of name and purpose for the group, and that there is no reason for us to see its convener.

09:31

Meeting continued in private until 10:30.

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