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# EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES COMMITTEE

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**EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES COMMITTEE**

**1<sup>st</sup> Meeting 2015, Session 4**

**CONVENER**

\*Margaret McCulloch (Central Scotland) (Lab)

**DEPUTY CONVENER**

\*Sandra White (Glasgow Kelvin) (SNP)

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

\*Christian Allard (North East Scotland) (SNP)

\*Jayne Baxter (Mid Scotland and Fife) (Lab)

John Finnie (Highlands and Islands) (Ind)

Alex Johnstone (North East Scotland) (Con)

\*John Mason (Glasgow Shettleston) (SNP)

\*attended

**CLERK TO THE COMMITTEE**

Ruth McGill

**LOCATION**

The James Clerk Maxwell Room (CR4)



## Scottish Parliament Equal Opportunities Committee

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

### Interests

**The Convener (Margaret McCulloch):** Happy new year, everyone, and welcome to the first meeting in 2015 of the Equal Opportunities Committee. I ask everyone to switch off their mobile devices or put them in flight mode. We have received apologies from John Finnie.

Agenda item 1 is a declaration of interests. I welcome to the committee our newest member, Jayne Baxter. In accordance with section 3 of the code of conduct, I ask Jayne to declare any interests relevant to the committee's remit.

**Jayne Baxter (Mid Scotland and Fife) (Lab):** I have no relevant interests to declare.

**The Convener:** Thank you.

## Age and Social Isolation (Witness Expenses)

09:31

**The Convener:** Today's second agenda item is witness expenses. In keeping with usual practice, members are invited to delegate to me, as convener, responsibility for arranging for the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body to pay, under rule 12.4.3 of standing orders, any witness expenses in our age and social isolation inquiry. Do members agree to do that?

**Members indicated agreement.**

**The Convener:** That concludes the meeting. Our next meeting will take place on Thursday 5 February, when we will take evidence on our having and keeping a home inquiry from the Minister for Housing and Welfare.

*Meeting closed at 09:32.*



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