



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

PUBLIC AUDIT AND POST-LEGISLATIVE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

13th Meeting, 2018 (Session 5)

Thursday 17 May 2018

Present:

Colin Beattie

Willie Coffey

Liam Kerr (Deputy Convener)

Alex Neil

Bill Bowman

Iain Gray

Jenny Marra (Convener)

The meeting opened at 10.00 am.

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take items 3 and 4 in private.

2. **Early learning and childcare:** The Committee heard evidence from—

Paul Johnston, Director General, Education, Communities and Justice, Joe Griffin, Director for Early Learning and Childcare, and Alison Cumming, Programme Lead, Early Learning and Childcare, Scottish Government;

Vicki Bibby, Chief Officer for Finance, and Jane O'Donnell, Chief Officer for Children and Young People, COSLA.

3. **Early learning and childcare (in private):** The Committee considered the evidence heard at agenda item 2 and took further evidence from—

Caroline Gardner, Auditor General for Scotland;

Antony Clark, Assistant Director of Performance Audit and Best Value, and Rebecca Smallwood, Senior Auditor, Audit Scotland.

The Committee agreed to close its consideration of this report.

4. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee agreed its approach to the

2016/17 audit of the Scottish Government's Non-Domestic Rating Account, the Scotland Act 2016: audit and accountability arrangements and the CAP Futures programme.

The meeting closed at 11.21 am.

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