



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

PUBLIC AUDIT AND POST-LEGISLATIVE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

24th Meeting, 2018 (Session 5)

Thursday 1 November 2018

Present:

Colin Beattie

Willie Coffey

Liam Kerr (Deputy Convener)

Alex Neil

Bill Bowman

Iain Gray

Jenny Marra (Convener)

The meeting opened at 9.00 am.

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take items 4, 5, 6 and 7 in private.
2. **Section 22 reports - The 2017/18 audit of NHS Ayrshire and Arran and the 2017/18 audit of NHS Highland:** The Committee took evidence on the Auditor General for Scotland's reports entitled "The 2017/18 audit of NHS Ayrshire and Arran" and "The 2017/18 audit of NHS Highland" from—

Caroline Gardner, Auditor General for Scotland;

Leigh Johnston, Senior Manager, Performance and Best Value, Audit Scotland;

Joanne Brown, Director, Grant Thornton UK LLP;

Pat Kenny, Director, Deloitte LLP.

3. **Section 22 report - The 2017/18 audit of the Scottish Government Consolidated Accounts:** The Committee took evidence on the Auditor General of Scotland's report entitled "The 2017/18 audit of the Scottish Government Consolidated Accounts" from—

Caroline Gardner, Auditor General for Scotland;

Stephen Boyle, Assistant Director, and Michael Oliphant, Senior Audit Manager, Audit Scotland.

4. **Section 22 reports - The 2017/18 audit of NHS Ayrshire and Arran and the 2017/18 audit of NHS Highland (in private):** The Committee considered the evidence heard at agenda item 2 and took further evidence from—

Caroline Gardner, Auditor General for Scotland;

Leigh Johnston, Senior Manager, Performance and Best Value, Audit Scotland;

Joanne Brown, Director, Grant Thornton UK LLP;

Pat Kenny, Director, Deloitte LLP.

The Committee agreed to defer its future scrutiny of the Auditor General for Scotland's reports entitled "The 2017/18 audit of NHS Ayrshire and Arran" and "The 2017/18 audit of NHS Highland" until it has taken evidence from the Auditor General for Scotland on the report entitled "NHS in Scotland 2018".

5. **Section 22 report - The 2017/18 audit of the Scottish Government Consolidated Accounts (in private):** The Committee considered the evidence heard at agenda item 3 and took further evidence from—

Caroline Gardner, Auditor General for Scotland;

Stephen Boyle, Assistant Director, and Michael Oliphant, Senior Audit Manager, Audit Scotland.

The Committee agreed to write to the Permanent Secretary on issues raised during the discussion and invite her to give oral evidence at a future meeting.

6. **Post-legislative Scrutiny - Control of Dogs (Scotland) Act 2010 (in private):** The Committee agreed its approach to its post-legislative scrutiny of the Control of Dogs (Scotland) Act 2010.

The Committee agreed to write to the Minister for Community Safety on the responses from local authorities.

7. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee considered its approach to its future scrutiny of the joint report by the Auditor General for Scotland and the Accounts Commission on "Children and young people's mental health".

The Committee agreed to take oral evidence from a selection of stakeholders, the Scottish Government and COSLA at a future meeting.

The meeting closed at 11.13 am.

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