



EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES COMMITTEE

MINUTES

17th Meeting, 2014 (Session 4)

Thursday 6 November 2014

Present:

Christian Allard
John Finnie
John Mason

Marco Biagi (Deputy Convener)
Alex Johnstone
Margaret McCulloch (Convener)

Apologies were received from Siobhan McMahon.

In attendance: Mr Barrie Levine, Adviser on scrutiny of the Draft Budget 2015-16

The meeting opened at 9.01 am.

1. **Draft Budget Scrutiny 2015-16 - witness expenses:** The Committee agreed to delegate to the Convener responsibility for arranging for the SPCB to pay, under Rule 12.4.3, any expenses of witnesses in the inquiry.
2. **Draft Budget Scrutiny 2015-16:** The Committee took evidence on the Scottish Government's Draft Budget 2015-16 from—

Jim Gray, Head of Democratic Services, Glasgow City Council;

Clare Fraser, Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Manager, West College Scotland;

Dr Kate Hannah, Sector Lead Officer, Additional Support Needs and Special Schools (Inspection), Education Scotland;

Scott Read, Policy and Development Officer, ARC Scotland – Scottish Transitions Forum;

Mike O'Donnell, Head of National Training Programme Partnerships, Skills Development Scotland;

Fraser McCowan, Managing Director, Argyll Training Limited - Scottish Training Federation/Support Training Action Group;

Lorna Trainer, Director, L&G Learning (Scotland) Ltd - Scottish Training Federation/Support Training Action Group;

Brian Webb, TRAIN Co-ordinator, and Sandy Stark, Station House Media Unit.

The meeting closed at 11.31 am.

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