



HEALTH AND SPORT COMMITTEE

AGENDA

4th Meeting, 2012 (Session 4)

Tuesday 24 January 2012

The Committee will meet at 10.00 am in Committee Room 2.

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 4 in private.
2. **Alcohol (Minimum Pricing) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—

Professor Jonathan Chick, Honorary Professor, Queen Margaret University;

Dr John Holmes, Public Health Research Fellow, and Professor Alan Brennan, Professor of Health Economics and Decision Modelling, University of Sheffield;

Andrew Leicester, Senior Research Economist, Institute for Fiscal Studies.

3. **Appointment of European Union Reporter:** The Committee will appoint a member to serve as its European Union Reporter.
4. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.
5. **Alcohol (Minimum Pricing) (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

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The papers for this meeting are as follows—

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PRIVATE PAPER

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[Report on alcohol pricing and taxation policies by the Institute for Fiscal Studies](#)

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Agenda Item 4

PRIVATE PAPER

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Appointment of EU Reporter

Background

The Scottish Parliament's EU Strategy

1. On 9 December 2010 a debate took place on the European and External Relations Committee (EERC) report on the impact of the Treaty of Lisbon and the following motion was agreed to—

S3M-07496 Irene Oldfather (Cunninghame South) (Labour Party) on behalf of the European and External Relations Committee: Report on the impact of the Treaty of Lisbon on Scotland—That the Parliament notes the European and External Relations Committee's 4th Report 2010 (Session 3), Inquiry into the Impact of the Treaty of Lisbon on Scotland (SP Paper 469) and agrees to the introduction of a Parliament-wide strategy for European Union engagement and scrutiny, including the introduction on a pilot basis and if successful, permanently, of an early warning system for EU legislative proposals, as outlined in Annexe B to the Report.

2. The EU Strategy and related annexes is available on the Parliament's website—

http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/s3/committees/europe/inquiries/euDirectives/documents/EUStrategy_Final.pdf

3. The EU Strategy outlines the enhanced role of subject committees in early engagement and in the scrutiny of emerging EU legislative proposals. Subject committees will be responsible for appointing EU Reporters and for scrutinising EU proposals within their area.

The Role of the EU Reporter

4. The role of the EU Reporter is to act as 'champion' for EU matters within the Committee. This will involve promoting the European dimension in the work of the Committee, taking the lead on EU early engagement and in developing relationships with the European Commission and European Parliament, leading the Committee's EU scrutiny work, promoting and speaking to European issues, highlighting the European dimension within policy debates and acting as a conduit between the Committee and the European Committee of the Scottish Parliament.

5. Mary Fee was the Committee's EU Reporter. As she has left the Committee the role is now vacant.

Recommendation

6. The Committee is invited to nominate a member to act as EU Reporter for the Committee.