

HEALTH AND SPORT COMMITTEE

MINUTES

16th Meeting, 2012 (Session 4)

Tuesday 15 May 2012

Present:

Bob Doris (Deputy Convener)

Richard Lyle

Duncan McNeil (Convener)

Gil Paterson

Jim Eadie
Fiona McLeod
Nanette Milne
Drew Smith

Apologies were received from Dr Richard Simpson.

The meeting opened at 10.00 am.

- 1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee considered whether to take item 6 in private. After consideration, the Committee agreed to take the item in public.
- 2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee considered the following negative instrument—

Food Additives (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2012 (SSI 2012/119) and agreed to make no recommendations in relation to the instrument.

- 3. Social Care (Self-directed Support) (Scotland) Bill 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 on the Bill.
- 4. **Social Care (Self-directed Support) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee discussed key themes arising from the Committee's fact finding visit to Glasgow.
- 5. **Social Care (Self-directed Support) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee took evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—

Duncan Mackay, Head of Social Work Development, North Lanarkshire Council; Association of Directors of Social Work;

Ruth Stark, Social Worker and Manager, Scottish Association of Social Work;

Ellen Hudson, Associate Director, Royal College of Nursing Scotland;

David Cumming, Director of Operations (Programming, Co-operation & Registration), and Professor Frank Clark, Chair of the Board, Care Inspectorate;

Sandra McDonald, Public Guardian, Office of the Public Guardian;

George Kappler, Deputy Chief Executive, Mental Welfare Commission for Scotland;

Adrian Ward, Convenor of Mental Health and Disability Committee, The Law Society of Scotland.

6. **Work programme:** The Committee considered its approach to developing its work programme. The Committee agreed to hold a sport related inquiry. The Committee also agreed to take evidence on the process for approval of newly licensed medicines in Scotland. The Committee agreed to hold a business planning day in late August 2012.

The meeting closed at 1.17 pm.

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