



INFRASTRUCTURE AND CAPITAL INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

AGENDA

3rd Meeting, 2014 (Session 4)

Wednesday 29 January 2014

The Committee will meet at 9.45 am in Committee Room 2.

1. **Procurement Reform (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider a revised draft Stage 1 report.
2. **Draft Third National Planning Framework:** The Committee will take evidence from—

Professor Glen Bramley, Director, Institute for Housing, Urban and Real Estate Research, Heriot Watt University;

David Connolly, Director for Technical Development, Systra;

Professor Michael Fourman, Professor of Computer Systems, University of Edinburgh;

Professor Geoffrey Gooch, Chair of Water and Environmental Policy, Scottish Centre for Water Policy;

Derek Halden, Consultant, Derek Halden Consultancy;

John Lauder, National Director for Scotland, Sustrans;

Phil Matthews, Chair, Transform Scotland;

Ewan Wallace, Chair, Society of Chief Officers of Transportation in Scotland.

3. **Housing (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—

John Blackwood, Policy and Parliamentary Affairs Director, Scottish Association of Landlords;

Sarah-Jane Laing, Director of Policy and Parliamentary Affairs, Scottish Land and Estates.

4. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument—

Water and Sewerage Services to Dwellings (Collection of Unmetered Charges by Local Authority) (Scotland) Order 2014 (SSI 2014/3)

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The papers for this meeting are as follows—

Agenda item 1

PRIVATE PAPER

ICI/S4/14/3/1 (P)

Agenda item 2

PRIVATE PAPER

ICI/S4/14/3/2 (P)

[Draft Third National Planning Framework](#)

Agenda item 3

Housing (Scotland) Bill cover note

ICI/S4/14/3/3

PRIVATE PAPER

ICI/S4/14/3/4 (P)

Agenda item 4

Subordinate legislation cover note

ICI/S4/14/3/5

[SSI 2014/3 Order](#)

[SSI 2014/3 Policy Note](#)

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Housing (Scotland) Bill

Introduction

1. On 21 November 2013, the Scottish Government introduced the Housing (Scotland) Bill. The Bill and supporting documents are accessible at the following link:

[Housing \(Scotland Bill\)](#)

2. The Bill was subsequently referred by the Parliamentary Bureau to the Infrastructure and Capital Investment Committee as lead Committee at Stage 1 of the scrutiny process.

Infrastructure and Capital Investment Committee consideration

3. The Committee considered and agreed its approach to the scrutiny of the Housing (Scotland) Bill on 18 December 2013.

4. The ICI Committee's call for views opened on 20 December 2013 , and closes on 28 February 2014, full details can be found at the following link:

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/CurrentCommittees/71398.aspx>

Written submissions

5. Eight written submissions have been received to date, and links to all the submissions are attached at **Annexe A**.

Oral evidence

6. The Committee took oral evidence on the Bill from Scottish Government Officials on 15 January and the Official report for this meeting can be accessed at the following link:

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28862.aspx?r=8804&mode=pdf>

7. The Committee took oral evidence from legal and housing representative groups on 22 January and the Official report for this meeting will be published at the following link:

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/CurrentCommittees/29837.aspx>

Next steps

8. On 29 January the Committee will hear evidence from the Scottish Association of landlords, and Scottish Land and Estates.

9. The Committee will take further oral evidence from housing sector stakeholders at Stage 1 throughout January, February and March 2014, and is expected to conclude with evidence from the Minister for Housing and Welfare on 12 March 2014.

Kelly Forbes
Assistant Clerk
24 January 2014

ANNEXE A

Submissions received on the Housing (Scotland) Bill

- [Argyll and Bute Council \(205KB pdf\)](#)
- [Chartered Institute of Housing \(273KB pdf\)](#)
- [Legal Services Agency \(96KB pdf\)](#)
- [Martin & Co. \(110KB pdf\)](#)
- [MacDonald, Donald \(Individual\) \(6KB pdf\)](#)
- [Mould, Robert \(Individual\) \(7KB pdf\)](#)
- [Shelter Scotland \(232KB pdf\)](#)
- [The Law Society \(147KB pdf\)](#)

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Subordinate legislation

Title of Instrument

Water and Sewerage Services to Dwellings (Collection of Unmetered Charges by Local Authority) (Scotland) Order 2014 (SSI 2014/3)

Type of Instrument

Negative

Laid Date

10 January 2014

Minister to attending the meeting

No

SSI drawn to the Parliament's attention by Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (formerly Subordinate Legislation Committee)

No

Reporting Deadline

27 February 2014

Purpose

1. This Order makes each local authority (and not Scottish Water) responsible for the collection of the charges payable for water services and sewerage services which are provided by Scottish Water to dwellings within each financial year ("service year") from 1st April 2014 to 31st March 2018. It also requires each authority to make payments to Scottish Water so as to account for this.

2. A copy of the SSI and its accompanying documents is included with the papers.

Procedure

3. Negative instruments are instruments that are "subject to annulment" by resolution of the Parliament for a period of 40 days after they are laid. All negative instruments are considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (formerly Subordinate Legislation Committee) (on various technical grounds) and by the relevant lead committee (on policy grounds). Under Rule 10.4, any member (whether or not a member of the lead committee) may, within the 40-day period, lodge a motion for consideration by the lead committee recommending annulment of the instrument. If the motion is agreed

to, the Parliamentary Bureau must then lodge a motion to annul the instrument for consideration by the Parliament.

4. If that is also agreed to, Scottish Ministers must revoke the instrument. Each negative instrument appears on a committee agenda at the first opportunity after the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee has reported on it. This means that, if questions are asked or concerns raised, consideration of the instrument can usually be continued to a later meeting to allow correspondence to be entered into or a Minister or officials invited to give evidence. In other cases, the Committee may be content simply to note the instrument and agree to make no recommendation on it.

Consideration by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

5. At its meeting on 22 January 2014, the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee considered the instrument and determined that it did not need to draw the attention of the Parliament to the instrument on any grounds within its remit.

Recommendation

6. **The Committee is invited to consider any issues that it wishes to raise in reporting to the Parliament on this instrument.**

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Assistant Clerk

24 January 2014