



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

INFRASTRUCTURE AND CAPITAL INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

AGENDA

18th Meeting, 2014 (Session 4)

Wednesday 11 June 2014

The Committee will meet at 10.00 am in the Sir Alexander Fleming Room (CR3).

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 3 in private.
2. **Homelessness in Scotland:** The Committee will take evidence from—

Michael Cameron, Chief Executive, and Christine MacLeod, Director of Regulation, Governance and Performance, The Scottish Housing Regulator.
3. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

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The papers for this meeting are as follows—

Agenda Item 2

Background note

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[Scottish Housing Regulator - Housing Options Report May 2014](#)

Agenda Item 3

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Homelessness in Scotland: A review of progress on the implementation of the 2012 Commitment

Introduction

1. The Committee has agreed to undertake a short, follow-up inquiry into the 2012 homelessness commitment in Scotland.

2. The Committee undertook its first inquiry on this issue in 2011/2012, reporting to Parliament on 20 March 2012. In addition to making a number of recommendations in its inquiry report, the Committee stated that it would

“monitor the implementation of the commitment for the remainder of the parliamentary session and address any areas of concern which may emerge”¹.

3. The Homelessness (Scotland) Act 2003 amended the Housing (Scotland) Act 1987 to the extent that a priority/non-priority homeless distinction came to an end by December 2012. Local authorities have had a duty to secure settled accommodation for all those who are found to be unintentionally homeless since the beginning of 2013.

Infrastructure and Capital Investment Committee consideration

4. There have been a number of policy developments since the Committee’s inquiry report, and the Committee will take evidence from a range of stakeholders between June and November 2014.

5. The Committee will initially hear from the Scottish Housing Regulator (SHR) on its [*Housing Options in Scotland - A thematic inquiry*](#) report, which covers many of the themes discussed during the Committee’s original inquiry.

Next steps

6. On 11 June 2014 the Committee will hear from representatives of the Scottish Housing Regulator on its report into housing options, and wider themes relevant to the Committee’s inquiry.

¹ Scottish Parliament Infrastructure and Capital Investment Committee. 2nd Report, 2012 (Session 4). *Homelessness in Scotland: the 2012 Commitment* (SP Paper 97).

7. The Committee will issue a call for written views, then take oral evidence from a range of stakeholders, and from the Minister for Housing and Welfare, later in the year.

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