



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND REGENERATION COMMITTEE

MINUTES

13th Meeting, 2011 (Session 4)

Wednesday 7 December 2011

Present:

Kezia Dugdale

Mark Griffin

Kevin Stewart (Deputy Convener)

Bill Walker

Joe FitzPatrick (Convener)

Margaret Mitchell

David Torrance

The meeting opened at 10.00 am.

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee decided to take items 4 and 5 in private.

2. **Inquiry on a living wage in Scotland:** The Committee took evidence from—

Donald Hirsch, Head of Income Studies, Centre for Research in Social Policy, Loughborough University;

Chris Goulden, Policy and Research Manager, Joseph Rowntree Foundation;

Rhys Moore, Director, Living Wage Foundation;

Peter Kelly, Director of the Poverty Alliance, and Dave Moxham, Deputy General Secretary of the Scottish Trade Union Congress, Scottish Living Wage Campaign;

Annie Gunner Logan, Director, CCPS Coalition of Care and Support Providers in Scotland;

Nick Waugh, Policy Officer, Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations;

Dave Watson, Scottish Organiser, UNISON;

Pat Rafferty, Scottish Secretary, Unite the Union;

Danny Williamson, Industrial Officer, PCS.

3. **Inquiry on a living wage in Scotland:** The Committee considered its approach to the inquiry. The Committee agreed to hold a discussion, in private, at the end of each meeting at which oral evidence is taken and to consider the draft reports on the inquiry in private. It also agreed to delegate to the Convener the responsibility for arranging for the SPCB to pay, under Rule 12.4.3, any expenses of witnesses in the inquiry.
4. **Inquiry on a living wage in Scotland (in private):** The Committee considered the evidence received on a living wage in Scotland.
5. **Inquiry on Public Services Reform (in private):** The Committee considered its approach to the inquiry. The Committee agreed to seek the appointment of one or more advisers in relation to the different aspects of the inquiry. It agreed an overall remit and objectives for each short inquiry, a proposal for initial work, core witnesses and a call for evidence. The Committee further agreed to hold a discussion, in private, at the end of each meeting at which oral evidence is taken and to consider the draft reports on the inquiry in private. It also agreed to delegate to the Convener the responsibility for arranging for the SPCB to pay, under Rule 12.4.3, any expenses of witnesses in the inquiry.

The meeting closed at 12.04 pm.

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