



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND REGENERATION COMMITTEE

MINUTES

18th Meeting, 2013 (Session 4)

Wednesday 5 June 2013

Present:

Stuart McMillan	Anne McTaggart
Margaret Mitchell	John Pentland
Stewart Stevenson	Kevin Stewart (Convener)
John Wilson (Deputy Convener)	

In attendance: Bill Howat - Committee Advisor

The meeting opened at 9.30 am.

1. **Budget Strategy Phase 2014-15:** The Committee took evidence at the Budget Strategy Phase 2014-15 from—

John Swinney, Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Employment and Sustainable Growth, William Stitt, Assistant Team Leader, Local Government Division, and Terry Holmes, Head of Corporate Reporting Accountancy & Governance, Scottish Government;

Gavin Stevenson, Chief Executive, Dumfries and Galloway Council and Member of SOLACE;

Alex McPhee, Director of Finance, East Ayrshire Council;

Alan Puckrin, Director of Finance, Inverclyde Council.

2. **Budget Strategy Phase 2014-15 (in private):** The Committee considered the evidence received.
3. **Public services reform and local government: strand 3 - developing new ways of delivering services (in private):** The Committee considered a draft report. Various changes were agreed and the Committee agreed to consider a revised draft report, in private, at a future meeting.

4. **Local Government Elections in Scotland (in private):** The Committee considered a report from its Reporters on the inquiry. The Committee considered and agreed a draft report as a Committee report. The Committee further agreed to return to this subject in 1 year's time to check what progress has been made in relation to its recommendations.

The meeting closed at 12.43 pm.

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