



## WELFARE REFORM COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

15th Meeting, 2013 (Session 4)

Tuesday 8 October 2013

Present:

Annabelle Ewing

Jamie Hepburn (Deputy Convener)

Ken Macintosh

Kevin Stewart

Linda Fabiani

Alex Johnstone

Michael McMahon (Convener)

In attendance: Paul Spicker - Budget Advisor

The meeting opened at 10.11 am.

1. **Draft Budget Scrutiny 2014-15:** The Committee took evidence on the Scottish Government's Draft Budget 2014-15 from—

Beth Reid, Policy Officer, Citizens Advice Scotland;

Phillip Edwards, Strategy and Implementation Director, Institute for Governance;

Douglas Proudfoot, Local Government Development Manager, and Anil Gupta, Chief Officer - Communities, CoSLA;

Andrew Hall, Revenues and Benefits Team Leader, Shetland Islands Council;

John Campbell, Service Manager Financial Inclusion, North Lanarkshire Council;

Nicola Sturgeon, Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Infrastructure, Investment and Cities, Ann McVie, Team Leader, Welfare Division, Jenny Brough, Team Leader, Council Tax Unit, and Jamie MacDougall, Head of Housing Transitions and Support Division, Scottish Government.

Deputy First Minister agreed to provide the Committee with further written information on the changes to the Scottish Government's Scottish Welfare Fund guidance.

The meeting closed at 12.22 pm.

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