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**LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE**  
**20<sup>th</sup> Meeting 2017, Session 5**

**CONVENER**

\*Bob Doris (Glasgow Maryhill and Springburn) (SNP)

**DEPUTY CONVENER**

\*Elaine Smith (Central Scotland) (Lab)

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

\*Kenneth Gibson (Cunninghame North) (SNP)

\*Jenny Gilruth (Mid Fife and Glenrothes) (SNP)

\*Graham Simpson (Central Scotland) (Con)

\*Alexander Stewart (Mid Scotland and Fife) (Con)

\*Andy Wightman (Lothian) (Green)

\*attended

**CLERK TO THE COMMITTEE**

Jane Williams

**LOCATION**

The James Clerk Maxwell Room (CR4)



## Scottish Parliament

### Local Government and Communities Committee

*Wednesday 6 September 2017*

*[The Convener opened the meeting at 10:41]*

### Decision on Taking Business in Private

**The Convener (Bob Doris):** Good morning. I welcome everyone back after summer recess to the 20th meeting in 2017 of the Local Government and Communities Committee. I hope that everyone had a good break.

I remind everyone present to turn off mobile phones. As meeting papers are provided in digital format, tablets may be used by members during the meeting.

No apologies have been received: we have a full house for the first day back.

Agenda item 1 is to decide whether to take in private items 4, 5 and 6. Item 4 is consideration of a draft interim report on building regulations in Scotland, item 5 is consideration of a draft report on the committee's post-legislative scrutiny of the High Hedges (Scotland) Act 2013, and item 6 is consideration of a draft report on the committee's post-legislative scrutiny of the Disabled Persons' Parking Places (Scotland) Act 2009. Does the committee agree to take those items in private?

**Members indicated agreement.**

## Subordinate Legislation

### Building (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/214)

10:42

**The Convener:** Agenda item 2 is subordinate legislation. The committee will consider Scottish statutory instrument 2017/214, which has been laid under negative procedure, which means that its provisions will come into force unless Parliament were to agree to a motion to annul it.

As set out in paper 1, the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee considered the instrument at its meeting on 27 June. That committee drew the instrument to the attention of Parliament because it did not meet the requirement that at least 28 days should elapse between the laying of the instrument and its coming into force. However, the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee determined that that failure to comply with the 28-day rule was acceptable because the regulations were made to correct an omission in the Building (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/188) and there was, as the Scottish Government has explained, an urgent need to bring the regulations into force for public safety reasons.

No motion to annul the instrument has been lodged. I do not see any member indicating that they wish to make comments on the regulations, so does the committee agree that it does not wish to make any recommendations in relation to them?

**Members indicated agreement.**

**The Convener:** We now move into private session.

10:43

*Meeting continued in private until 13:01.*



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