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DELEGATED POWERS AND LAW REFORM COMMITTEE
3rd Meeting 2023, Session 6

CONVENER

Stuart McMillan (Greenock and Inverclyde) (SNP)

DEPUTY CONVENER

*Bill Kidd (Glasgow Anniesland) (SNP)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

*Jeremy Balfour (Lothian) (Con)

*Carol Mochan (South Scotland) (Lab)

*Oliver Mundell (Dumfriesshire) (Con)

*attended

THE FOLLOWING ALSO PARTICIPATED:

Jenni Minto (Argyll and Bute) (SNP) (Committee Substitute)

CLERK TO THE COMMITTEE

Lucy Scharbert

LOCATION

The Adam Smith Room (CR5)

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[The Deputy Convener opened the meeting at 10:00]

Interests

The Deputy Convener (Bill Kidd): Welcome to the third meeting in 2023 of the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee. We have received apologies from our convener, Stuart McMillan MSP. In his place, I welcome Jenni Minto MSP. Before we move to the first item on the agenda, I remind everyone present to switch mobile phones to silent, which I have just done.

The first item of business is a declaration of interests. In accordance with section 3 of the code of conduct, I invite Carol Mochan MSP to declare any interests that are relevant to the committee's remit.

Carol Mochan (South Scotland) (Lab): I have nothing to declare.

The Deputy Convener: Thank you. I welcome Carol Mochan to the committee.

Before we move to the next item on the agenda, I take this opportunity, on behalf of the committee, to thank Paul Sweeney for his contribution to the work of the committee. I know that he will do well on whatever committee he moves to.

Decision on Taking Business in Private

10:01

The Deputy Convener: Agenda item 2 is to decide whether to take items 5 to 8 in private. Is the committee content to take those items in private?

Members *indicated agreement.*

Instruments subject to Affirmative Procedure

10:01

The Deputy Convener: Under agenda item 3, we are considering two instruments, on which no points have been raised.

Community Care (Personal Care and Nursing Care) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2023 [Draft]

Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 (Licensing of Short-term Lets) (Amendment) Order 2023 [Draft]

The Deputy Convener: Does anyone have any comments to make on the instruments?

Oliver Mundell (Dumfriesshire) (Con): In relation to the second instrument, on short-term lets, I want to put it on record that, although I will support it and I recognise that the six-month extension will make a big difference to a number of individuals, it will not solve all the problems. The need for the instrument could have been avoided if concerns that were raised by the Short Term Accommodation Association and other industry stakeholders had been taken into account when the licensing scheme was first proposed. I therefore think that the delays and challenges that we are now seeing were entirely predictable, and that the Scottish Government needs to refocus its efforts on rebuilding relationships with stakeholders.

The Deputy Convener: Okay. A note has been taken of that.

As there are no further comments on the two instruments, is the committee content with them?

Members *indicated agreement.*

Instruments not subject to Parliamentary Procedure

10:02

The Deputy Convener: Under agenda item 4, we are considering two instruments, on which no points have been raised.

Coronavirus (Recovery and Reform) (Scotland) Act 2022 (Commencement No 2) Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/3 (C 1))

Registration of Births, Still-births, Deaths and Marriages (Prescription of Forms) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/4)

The Deputy Convener: Is the committee content with the instruments?

Members *indicated agreement.*

10:03

Meeting continued in private until 11:16.

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