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LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

1st Meeting 2021, Session 6

CONVENER

*Ariane Burgess (Highlands and Islands) (Green)

DEPUTY CONVENER

*Elena Whitham (Carrick, Cumnock and Doon Valley) (SNP)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

*Miles Briggs (Lothian) (Con)

*Willie Coffey (Kilmarnock and Irvine Valley) (SNP)

*Meghan Gallacher (Central Scotland) (Con)

*Mark Griffin (Central Scotland) (Lab)

*Paul McLennan (East Lothian) (SNP)

*attended

CLERK TO THE COMMITTEE

Euan Donald

LOCATION

Virtual Meeting

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[Willie Coffey opened the meeting at 11:15]

Interests

Willie Coffey (Kilmarnock and Irvine Valley) (SNP): Good morning and welcome to the first meeting in session 6 of the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee. As the most senior member of the committee, I have the pleasure of convening the meeting for the first two items of business.

I welcome all members and I look forward to working with everyone on the committee. I remind everyone to switch their mobile phones to silent mode. I understand that no apologies have been received for the meeting.

Agenda item 1 is for each of us to declare any interests that are relevant to the work of the committee. Background information has been provided for members in paper 1. I do not have any interests to declare other than those that are already in my entry in the register of members' interests. I invite members to declare their interests, in turn.

Miles Briggs (Lothian) (Con): I have no interests to declare.

Ariane Burgess (Highlands and Islands) (Green): I have no interests to declare.

Meghan Gallacher (Central Scotland) (Con): I am a councillor on North Lanarkshire Council.

Mark Griffin (Central Scotland) (Lab): I draw members' attention to my entry in the register of members' interests, and declare that I am an owner and landlord of a property in the North Lanarkshire Council area.

Paul McLennan (East Lothian) (SNP): Like Meghan Gallacher, I am a councillor—on East Lothian Council—and like Mark Griffin, I own a property, which is in the East Lothian Council area.

Elena Whitham (Carrick, Cumnock and Doon Valley) (SNP): As some of my fellow members are, I am an elected member, of East Ayrshire Council.

11:18

Willie Coffey: Agenda item 2 is to choose our convener. The procedure is explained in paper 2, which members should have.

The Parliament has agreed that only members of the Scottish Green Party are eligible for nomination as convener of the committee. I understand that Ariane Burgess is that party's nominee.

Ariane Burgess was chosen as convener.

Willie Coffey: I congratulate Ariane on becoming the new convener of our committee, and I hand over the chair.

The Convener (Ariane Burgess): Thank you very much. I was delighted to hear the declarations of interests from councillors who are on our committee; I believe that Willie Coffey is a former councillor. I think that we are starting out with some great perspectives.

Deputy Convener

11:19

The Convener: Agenda item 3 is to choose our deputy convener. The Parliament has agreed that only members of the Scottish National Party are eligible for nomination as deputy convener of the committee.

Elena Whitham was chosen as deputy convener.

The Convener: I congratulate Elena Whitham on her appointment as deputy convener of the committee. I look forward to working with you, Elena.

Elena Whitham: Thank you very much. The committee is one of the most dynamic and interesting ones, and I look forward to working with you all over the next five years.

Decision on Taking Business in Private

11:19

The Convener: Agenda item 4 is consideration of whether to take item 6, which is discussion of our work programme, in private. Are we agreed?

I am seeing lots of thumbs up and positive responses, so I confirm that we agree to take that item in private.

Legacy Paper

11:21

Meeting continued in private until 11:56.

11:20

The Convener: Under agenda item 5, the committee is asked to thank the session 5 Local Government and Communities Committee for its legacy report—which was brilliantly done—to note it for now, and to agree to consider the report as part of our discussions on our work plan.

Do members agree to note the legacy report?
No member has indicated that they are not content to do so, so that is agreed.

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