

**Commission on  
Parliamentary  
Reform**

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**Minutes**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting**

**Friday 25 November 2016**

Present:

John McCormick (Chair)  
Jackson Carlaw MSP  
Johann Lamont MSP  
Fiona McLeod

Katie Burke MSYP  
The Very Rev. Lorna Hood  
Geoff Mawdsley  
Boyd Robertson

Apologies were received from Pam Duncan-Glancy, John Finnie MSP and Jeremy Purvis.

The meeting opened at 1.01 pm.

1. The Commission discussed the importance of public engagement and participation in the parliamentary process with—

Professor Cristina Leston-Bandeira, Professor of Politics, University of Leeds;  
Dr Oliver Escobar, Lecturer in Public Policy, University of Edinburgh and Co-Director, What Works Scotland  
Kirsten Urquhart, Director of Digital Information, Young Scot; and  
Kaela Scott, Involve.

2. The Commission discussed the Scottish Parliament's public engagement strategy with:

Callum Thomson, Group Head of Research, Communications and Public Engagement; Susan Duffy, Group Head of Committees and Outreach; and Emma Armstrong, Web and Online Manager; Sally Coyne, Head of Outreach Services, The Scottish Parliament.

3. The Commission considered its work programme and agreed its approach to the meeting on 5 December 2016 with former MSPs.

The meeting closed at 3:58 pm.

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