



Health and Community Care Committee

AGENDA

17th Meeting, 2001

Tuesday 12 June 2001

The Committee will meet at 9.30 am in Committee Room 1

1. **Items in Private:** The Committee will consider whether to take items 5 to 8 in private.
2. **Time limit on debates:** The Committee will be asked to agree to limit debate on emergency affirmative SSIs to 15 minutes.
3. **Subordinate Legislation:** The Committee will consider the following emergency affirmative instrument—

The Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning) (Orkney) (Scotland) Order 2001, (SSI 2001/195)
4. **Mainstreaming equal opportunities in committees:** The Committee will consider a paper on mainstreaming equal opportunities in committee work
5. **Influenza Vaccination:** The Committee will consider the Executive's response to the Committee's report.
6. **MMR:** The Committee will consider possible approaches following the publication of the report on MMR.
7. **Haemophilia and Hepatitis C:** The Committee will be asked to consider further action on these issues.
8. **Forward work plan:** The Committee will consider a draft forward work plan.

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The Following papers are attached for this meeting:

Agenda Item 3

Abridged 25th Report, 2001 of the Subordinate Legislation Committee

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The Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning) (Orkney) (Scotland) Order 2001, (SSI 2001/195) – **previously circulated**

Agenda Item 4

Mainstreaming equal opportunities in committees

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Agenda Item 5

Influenza Vaccination – update (private paper)

HC/01/17/3

Agenda Item 6

MMR Report – Possible Future Action (private paper)

HC/01/17/4

Agenda Item 7

Haemophilia and Hepatitis C – Update (private paper)

HC/01/17/5

Agenda Item 8

Health and Community Care Committee Forward Work Plan (private paper)

HC/01/17/6

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**The Scottish
Parliament**

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ABRIDGED

25th Report, 2001

Subordinate Legislation

The Committee reports to the Parliament as follows—

1. The Committee met on 5th June 2001 and determined that the attention of the Parliament need not be drawn to the instruments listed at Annexe A. The Committee draws the attention of the Parliament to the instrument listed at Annexe B.
2. The report is also addressed to the following committees as the lead committees for the instruments specified:

Health and Community Care	SSI 2001/195
Enterprise and Lifelong Learning	SSI 2001/199

Instruments subject to approval

The Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning) (Orkney) (Scotland) Order 2001, (SSI 2001/195)

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Mainstreaming Equal Opportunities in Parliamentary Committees

Purpose

1. This paper is a proposal from the Equal Opportunities Committee that the committees of the Scottish Parliament support the Equal Opportunities Committee's commissioned research on mainstreaming. It recommends the involvement of members from all Parliamentary committees in research workshops to ensure the mainstreaming techniques developed are relevant and applicable for Scottish Parliament committees.

Background

2. In December 2000 the Conveners Liaison Group (CLG) approved a proposal from Equal Opportunities Committee for a research project on mainstreaming of equal opportunities in the Scottish Parliament and that project has now been commissioned. The aims are to provide information on the mechanisms for mainstreaming in parliamentary committees and to propose practical techniques to ensure mainstreaming in Scottish parliamentary committees.

3. This is an innovative project since there is little existing research in the UK on mainstreaming equal opportunities in Parliaments. The research will draw on existing literature and knowledge and experience of experts in the field to identify techniques that may be appropriate for Committees.

4. It is vital to ensure that any techniques developed are relevant and appropriate to the context of the Scottish Parliament. In order to achieve this the research team has proposed that they host workshops on the major aspects of equalities. There will be one workshop involving members and two for Parliament staff. The aim of these workshops will be to establish the relevance of these techniques in the Parliamentary context.

5. Representation from MSPs from a broad range of Committees and political parties is necessary to ensure that the techniques developed are relevant across the Parliament. CLG have further agreed to encourage all committees to send one delegate to the workshop.

Proposal

6. It is requested that the Committee support the research and nominate at least one member from the Committee to attend the workshop. It is likely that it will be 2-3 hours in duration and will take place during the evening of 20 June. Further details about the workshops will be sent to each Committee nominee close to the time.