SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

11th Meeting, 2002 (Session 1)

Wednesday 12 June 2002

The Committee will meet at 10.00 am in Committee Room 1.

1. **Items in private:** The Committee will consider whether to take items 4 and 5 in private.

2. **Debt Arrangement and Attachment (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the general principles of the Bill at Stage 1 from—

   **Panel One – Consumer Perspective**

   Martyn Evans, Director, Scottish Consumer Council
   Sarah O’Neill, Legal Officer, Scottish Consumer Council

   Susan McPhee, Head of Social Policy and Public Affairs, Citizens Advice Scotland
   Margaret Burgess, Manager, East Ayrshire Citizens Advice Bureau, Citizens Advice Scotland

   Chris Mallen, General Manager, Association of British Credit Unions (Scotland)

   **Panel Two – Debt Management Perspective**

   Yvonne Gallacher, Chief Executive, Money Advice Scotland

   David Ancliffe, National Chairman, Institute of Credit Management
   Steven Thomson, Council Member, Institute of Credit Management

   Neil McLeod, Policy and Development Worker, Scottish Sheriff Court Users’ Group
   Irene Mungall, Chair, Scottish Sheriff Court Users’ Group

3. **Licensing of Houses in Multiple Occupation: Scottish Executive consultation on possible changes to exemptions:** The Committee will consider its approach to the consultation.

4. **Housing Improvement Task Force:** The Committee will consider its draft response to the Scottish Executive consultation.
5. **Community Budgeting**: The Committee will consider its draft response to the Scottish Executive consultation.

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The following papers relate to the meeting:

**Agenda Item 3**

SJ/02/11/3 - Paper by the Clerk

**Agenda Item 4**

SJ/02/11/4 (P) - Private Paper by the Clerk

**Agenda Item 5**

SJ/02/11/5 (P) - Private Paper by the Clerk
1. At its meeting on 20 March 2002, the Committee considered the Scottish Executive’s response (which is attached to this paper) to the Committee’s Interim Report on the Licensing of Houses in Multiple Occupation and agreed to seek further information from the Executive.

2. At its meeting on 23 May, the Committee will take evidence from Hugh Henry MSP, Deputy Minister for Social Justice.

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Clerk to the Committee
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