The Committee will meet at 9.15 am in Committee Room 2, Committee Chambers, to consider the following agenda items:

1. **Genetically Modified Organisms (in private):** The Committee will consider possible areas of questioning for witnesses on the issue of genetically modified organisms.

   *Not before 9.30 am*

2. **Genetically Modified Organisms:** The Committee will take evidence as part of its inquiry into genetically modified organisms from—

   - Kevin Dunion, Friends of the Earth Scotland
   - Duncan Orr-Ewing, RSPB Scotland
   - Ulrich Loening, Retired Director of Centre for Human Ecology

3. **Telecommunications Developments Inquiry:** The Convener will update the Committee on the response to its report into telecommunications developments.

4. **Public Petitions:** The Committee will consider a paper on a proposed new procedure for handling public petitions.

5. **Public Petition:** The Committee will consider the following public petition:

   Petition PE96 by Mr Allan Berry calling for the Scottish Parliament to hold an independent and public inquiry into the adverse environmental effects of sea cage fish farming, and the regulatory failure to both recognise and prevent significant damage to our natural heritage, the environment and other interests dependent on the integrity of our Scottish coastal waters.
6. **Transport (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider the procedures and arrangements for dealing with Stage 2 of the Transport (Scotland) Bill.

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The following papers are relevant for this meeting:

| Submission from Friends of the Earth Scotland | TE/00/21/1 |
| Submission from RSPB Scotland | TE/00/21/2 |
| Submission from Ulrich Loening | TE/00/21/3 |
| Submission from Joint Nature Conservation Committee | TE/00/21/4 |
| Paper on proposed new procedure for handling public petitions | TE/00/21/5 |
| Committee covering note on PE96 | TE/00/21/6 |
| Petition PE96 by Mr Allan Berry | TE/00/21/7 |