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

1. **New Petitions**: The Committee will consider the following new petitions—

   **PE934** To review the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 1999. Dr J W Hinton will make a brief statement to the Committee in support of his petition accompanied by Dr Richard Burton.

   **PE938** For clear, transparent and meaningful public consultation when changes are proposed to public health services. Dr Patrick McNally will make a brief statement to the Committee in support of his petition.

   **PE936** To review the public health implications of siting oil depots in residential areas.

   **PE935** To ensure that when a Procurator Fiscal does not consider it in the public interest to proceed to a criminal prosecution, a full written explanation is provided to the alleged victim of the crime.

   **PE939** Severance payment for councillors as provided for in the Local Governance (Scotland) Act 2004.

2. **Current Petitions**: The Committee will further consider the following current petitions—

   **PE817** Reform of the law of trust. The Committee will consider a response from the petitioner.

   **PE805** Review of the National Parks (Scotland) Bill. The Committee will consider a response from the petitioner.
PE880 Local authority democratic accountability and accessibility of local elected representatives. The Committee will consider responses from the Scottish Executive, the Electoral Commission Scotland and Renfrewshire Council.

PE885 Amendment of Scots criminal law relating to sex offences. The Committee will consider responses from the Scottish Law Commission and the Scottish Executive.

PE887 Review of the long term planning, social, economic and transportation issues surrounding the creation of “new towns”, such as Cumbernauld. The Committee will consider responses from North Lanarkshire Council, Architecture and Design Scotland, the Royal Incorporation of Architects and the Scottish Executive.

PE825 To ensure that every Scottish secondary school provides lockers for pupils’ use to stop pupils having to carry heavy bags throughout the school day, potentially causing back problems. The Committee will consider a response from the petitioner.

PE876 To conduct an inquiry into the future prospects for the Scottish haulage industry and any knock-on impact for the Scottish economy. The Committee will consider responses from the Scottish Executive, the Scottish Council for Development and Industry, the TGWU, the Confederation of Forest Industries and CBI.

PE894 To consider investment in infrastructure, rolling stock and timetabling as part of a strategic root and branch review of the provision of rail services between Inverness, Thurso and Wick. The Committee will consider responses from the Scottish Executive, First ScotRail, Network Rail, the Highland Rail Partnership, Friends of the Far North Line and Friends of the Earth.

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