

5th MEETING OF THE COMMISSION

MINUTE

Held in St. Andrews House, Regent road, Edinburgh at 10 am on Tuesday 5 May 2015

Present

Councillor David O'Neill (Co-Chair)	Margo Biagi (Co-Chair)
Don Peebles	Isobel d'Inverno
Andy Wightman	Councillor Catriona Bhatia
Angela O'Hagan	Mary Kinninmonth
Rhondda Geekie	Jim McCormick

Apologies received from Councillor Angus Campbell, Councillor Susan Aitken and Alex Rowley MSP

In attendance;

Emma Close, Neil Ferguson, Robin Haynes, Adam Stewart, Ruth Wilson (secretariat)

PR/Media

1. Lindsay McGarvie, Director 3x1 Public Relations provided the Commission with an overview of the media activity in lieu of the "Call for Evidence" going live on 3 May. He also described the media strategy moving forward over the summer.

Developing Expertise

2. Andy Wightman delivered a presentation to the Commission on Land Value Tax covering valuation issues, unearned increment, transition issues and Local Authority responsibilities.
3. Robin Haynes delivered a presentation covering other forms of property taxes. This linked into the question of applying Principles & Tests to each form of Tax, especially the category which focuses on Equity & Fairness.

Minutes of the 4th Meeting (29 April 2015)

4. The draft minute was agreed and will be placed on the Commission website.

Oral Evidence Sessions

5. Commissioners were reminded that 2 oral evidence sessions have been arranged for the 18th & 19th May respectively and that there was a need for Commissioners to confirm their availability for both events to the secretariat

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6. None

Future Meetings

7. The Commission noted the date of the next meeting which will again be held in St. Andrews House
 - Tuesday 12th May 10:00-13:00 Valuation issues/Local Income Tax

Commission Secretariat, May 2015