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FINANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE
9th Meeting 2026, Session 6

CONVENER

*Kenneth Gibson (Cunninghame North) (SNP)

DEPUTY CONVENER

*Michael Marra (North East Scotland) (Lab)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

*Ross Greer (West Scotland) (Green)

*Craig Hoy (South Scotland) (Con)

*John Mason (Glasgow Shettleston) (Ind)

*Liz Smith (Mid Scotland and Fife) (Con)

*Michelle Thomson (Falkirk East) (SNP)

*attended

THE FOLLOWING ALSO PARTICIPATED:

Professor John Smith (Scottish Government)

CLERK TO THE COMMITTEE

Joanne McNaughton

LOCATION

The Mary Fairfax Somerville Room (CR2)

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[The Convener opened the meeting at 10:01]

Decision on Taking Business in Private

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Members indicated agreement.

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John Mason (Glasgow Shettleston) (Ind): Speaker added at republishing stage.

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10:04

Meeting suspended.

10:11

On resuming—

Petitions

Test Petition Heading

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Liz Smith: Speaker added at final publishing stage.

John Mason: Speaker added at final republishing stage.

Michael Marra (North East Scotland) (Lab): Speaker added at second republishing of final.

Members indicated agreement.

Meeting closed at 10:13.

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