



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Minute of the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body (SPCB) meeting held on Thursday 24 February 2022 at 09.00. (hybrid)

Present:

- Alison Johnstone MSP (Chair)
- Claire Baker MSP
- Jackson Carlaw MSP
- Maggie Chapman MSP
- Christine Grahame MSP

In attendance:

- David McGill
- Michelle Hegarty
- Judith Morrison
- Cristine Livingstone
- Tommy Lynch
- Lynsey Hamill
- Roy Devon
- Mairi Pearson
- Callum Thomson
- Emma Johnston
- Eric MacLeod
- Mark Brough
- Huw Williams
- Lisa Creamer
- Judith Proudfoot, Secretary

Previous minutes

1. The SPCB agreed the minute of the meeting held on 3 February 2022.

Matters arising

2. The SPCB noted a further update from the Chief Executive on the Auditor General for Scotland's section 22 report in relation to the office of the Ethical Standards Commissioner.

Covid-19 Update - discussion

3. The SPCB received an update on planning in response to the First Minister's latest statement on covid and the probable relaxation of restrictions relating to the wearing of face masks and physical distancing. In discussing moves to return to full capacity in the chamber and committees, and for re-opening to the public, the SPCB noted its continuing responsibilities under H&S Regulations to provide a safe environment for all those attending Holyrood.
4. A further update would be provided at the next meeting prior to any changes in arrangements being implemented with effect from 21 March 2022.

Chief Executive's Report

5. The Chief Executive introduced his report which included the Quarter 3 finance and performance reports. The SPCB noted the report.

Procurement of crèche service – Paper 9

6. The SPCB agreed officials should commence work on procuring a replacement crèche service contract based on the criteria set out in the paper.

Festival of Politics 2022 – Paper 10

7. The SPCB agreed plans for the 2022 Festival of Politics to take place over 3 days in August – Thursday 11 to Saturday 13. The focus would return to in-person events but there would continue to be a number of online sessions to further encourage and facilitate participation.

Members' Expenses Scheme: disability provision application – Paper 11

8. The SPCB approved an application for funding under the disability provision of the Members' Expenses Scheme.

Members' Expenses Scheme: Edinburgh accommodation – Paper 12

9. The SPCB agreed an application for a Member to lease accommodation in Edinburgh to facilitate childcaring responsibilities.

Appointment of committee adviser – Paper 13

10. The SPCB approved the terms of appointment of two advisors to the Rural Affairs, Islands and Natural Environment Committee.

Date of next meeting

11. The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday 10 March 2022.

SPCB secretariat

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