



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Conveners Group

Minutes

2nd Meeting, 2024 (Session 6) Wednesday 20 March 2024

Present:

Liam McArthur MSP, Convener

Karen Adam - Equalities, Human Rights & Civil Justice Committee

Clare Adamson – Constitution, Europe, External Affairs & Culture Committee

Claire Baker - Economy & Fair Work Committee

Ariane Burgess - Local Government, Housing & Planning Committee

Finlay Carson - Rural Affairs and Islands

Clare Haughey - Health, Social Care & Sport Committee

Richard Leonard - Public Audit Committee

Stuart McMillan - Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

Edward Mountain - Net Zero, Energy & Transport Committee

Audrey Nicoll - Criminal Justice Committee

Collette Stevenson – Social Justice and Social Security Committee

Martin Whitfield - Standards, Procedures & Public Appointments Committee

Sue Webber - Education, Children and Young People Committee

Apologies were received from:

Jackson Carlaw - Citizen Participation & Public Petitions Committee

Kenneth Gibson – Finance & Public Administration Committee

- 1. Minutes:** The Conveners Group agreed the minutes of the last meeting.
- 2. Conveners Group strategic priority – Net Zero Scrutiny:** The Group received an update on progress being made in taking forward the Group's agreed actions as part of its strategic priority on net zero scrutiny, and agreed to a future meeting with Professor Skea, Chair of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.
- 3. Reporting arrangements:** The Group considered ways to strengthen understanding of the Parliament's scrutiny. It agreed to enhanced committee annual reports and a Conveners Group annual report, both subject to ongoing review.

- 4. Transparency of financial interests of those providing evidence to committees:** The Group considered correspondence from the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee which relates to the transparency of the financial interests of those providing evidence to committees. The Group agreed to write to the SPPA Committee and for the Chair to sign off the letter.

Date of Next Meeting: 24 April 2024

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