



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## Conveners Group

### Minutes

1st Meeting, 2025 (Session 6) 26 February 2025

#### Present:

Liam McArthur MSP, Convener  
Karen Adam - Equalities, Human Rights & Civil Justice Committee  
Clare Adamson – Constitution, Europe, External Affairs & Culture Committee  
Ariane Burgess - Local Government, Housing & Planning Committee  
Jackson Carlaw - Citizen Participation & Public Petitions Committee  
Finlay Carson - Rural Affairs and Islands  
Kenneth Gibson – Finance & Public Administration 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  
Douglas Ross - Education, Children and Young People Committee  
Colin Smyth - Economy & Fair Work Committee  
Collette Stevenson – Social Justice and Social Security Committee  
Martin Whitfield - Standards, Procedures & Public Appointments Committee

#### Apologies were received from:

Clare Haughey - Health, Social Care & Sport Committee

1. **Minutes:** The Conveners Group agreed the minutes of the last meeting.
2. **COSLA:** The Group noted the correspondence received from COSLA regarding the informal engagement it had with the Group on 29 January 2025 and agreed to consider a paper on outcomes from this engagement at a future meeting.
3. **Strategic priority on Members' continuous professional development:** The Group considered an update on its strategic priority on Members' continuous professional development and agreed to consider this again as part of its legacy paper.

4. **Strategic priority on post-EU scrutiny:** The Group considered an update on its strategic priority on post-EU scrutiny.
5. **BBC Annual Report:** The Group noted the correspondence from the Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee to the Director-General of the BBC, Tim Davie, dated 7 February 2025 in relation to BBC Scotland's coverage of the Scottish Parliament and its committees.

**Date of Next Meeting: 19 March 2025**

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