



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

# Minute of the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body (SPCB) meeting held on Thursday 13 June 2024 at 9.00am

## Present:

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

## Apologies:

- David McGill, Clerk/Chief Executive

## In attendance:

- Michelle Hegarty
- Lynsey Hamill, Becky Thomson, Judith Morrison, Stephen Wright
- Willie Heigh, Erin Borthwick
- Sara Glass, Mairi Pearson, Sarah Rowlinson
- Eric MacLeod
- Mark Brough
- Allan Campbell
- Lisa Creamer
- Judith Proudfoot, Secretary

## Previous minutes

1. The SPCB agreed the minute of the meeting held on 30 May 2024. There were no matters arising.

## Un-authorised camp

2. The SPCB received an update on the camp in the grounds of the Parliament and recent discussions between officials and Police Scotland. The SPCB noted that the nature of the camp had changed considerably, with the majority of the original protestors having left. In light of growing

concern about the camp including issues of public order and safety, the SPCB agreed that the Clerk/Chief Executive should continue to have discussions with the Chief Constable of Police Scotland feeding back the SPCB's concerns, with the aim of the SPCB taking a formal decision on next steps at its next meeting.

## **Members' feedback interviews – SPCB (2024)**

### **Paper 45**

3. Officials presented a summary of the key results arising from the survey of MSPs. The SPCB welcomed the overall level of satisfaction in the services provided across the key areas of scrutiny and debate; public involvement; and Members' services and resources. The SPCB also noted that many of the specific comments received would be fed into the planned reviews of the Reimbursement of Members' Expenses Scheme and the SPCB's Engagement Strategy.
4. The SPCB noted the survey report.

## **Members' Publication Policy – SPCB (2024)**

### **Paper 46**

5. The SPCB noted some recent minor changes to the Policy and agreed that it would now be titled 'Policy on Members' Parliamentary-funded Communications'. The SPCB considered the specific issue of time restrictions on the issuing of funded publications prior to Scottish Parliament and Scottish local authority elections and national referenda and UK and Scottish by-elections and agreed that these should remain as set out in the Policy.
6. The SPCB also discussed the scheduled quarterly publication of allowances data, noting that there had been a delay in publishing the Quarter 1 data due to other work pressures. The SPCB agreed that Q1 and Q2 data would be published in July with Q3 data being published soon after.

## **Any Other Business**

7. The SPCB agreed a request to fly the Pride Progress Flag on Saturday 22 June 2024.

## **Date of next meeting**

8. The next meeting of the SPCB was scheduled for 27 June 2024.

**SPCB Secretariat**  
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