



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Minute of the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body (SPCB) meeting held on Thursday 16 May 2024 at 9.00am

Present:

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

Apologies:

- Alison Johnstone MSP

In attendance:

- David McGill
- Michelle Hegarty
- Becky Thomson, Judith Morrison, Stephen Wright
- Helen Birrell
- Sara Glass, Peter Walker
- James Vinestock
- Lorna Foreman
- Eric MacLeod
- Mark Brough
- Lisa Creamer
- Judith Proudfoot, Secretary

Previous minutes

1. The SPCB agreed the minute of the meeting held on 2 May 2024.

Matters arising

2. The SPCB discussed a recent request received for information about MSPs' access to Holyrood.

Un-authorised camp

3. The SPCB received an update on the un-authorised camp in the grounds of the Parliament and Police Scotland's role and actions. The SPCB reiterated that the camp was in breach of its Protest Policy and discussed next steps.

Security works – SPCB (2024) Paper 39

4. The SPCB agreed a request for funding for security works at a Member's local constituency office.

Reimbursement of Members' Expenses Scheme: disability provision request – SPCB (2024) Paper 40

5. The SPCB agreed a request under the disability provision of the Scheme. The SPCB agreed to delegate authority to the Head of Allowances to re-assess the situation over the summer recess and put appropriate measures in place as necessary.

Corporate Procurement Strategy 2024-27 – SPCB (2024) Paper 41

6. The SPCB welcomed the Report and discussed a number of aspects of procurement activity including financial stewardship; fair and ethical trading; and community benefits. The SPCB was particularly pleased to note some of the community benefits linked to SPCB contracts, including: apprentice training schemes; educational events held in schools; and support to local community groups such as youth football teams and scout groups.
7. The SPCB noted the Report and agreed its publication.

Pay negotiations

8. The SPCB noted an update on progress with the staff pay negotiations and agreed the approach being taken.

Former Members Association – SPCB (2024) Paper 42

9. The SPCB noted an approach received from the Former Members Association requesting support for a proposed series of events. The SPCB raised a number of questions around the governance of the events, the role of the Association and the provision of parliamentary resources to support its activities. The SPCB agreed the terms of a response to be issued by the Clerk/Chief Executive.

Invitation from the Finance and Public Administration Committee (FPAC)

10. The SPCB discussed the invitation received from FPAC to attend a meeting to discuss the officeholder landscape as part of its inquiry into Scotland's Commissioner Landscape: A Strategic Approach. The SPCB agreed that Maggie Chapman and Jackson Carlaw would attend to represent the SPCB.

Any other business

11. The SPCB discussed matters raised with them for officials to take forward.

Date of next meeting

12. The next meeting of the SPCB was scheduled for 30 May 2024.

SPCB Secretariat
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