



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Minute of the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body (SPCB) meeting held on Thursday 23 January 2025 at 9.00am

Present:

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

In attendance:

- David McGill
- Lynsey Hamill, Becky Thomson
- Roy Devon
- Allan Campbell
- Eric MacLeod
- Mark Brough
- Lisa Creamer
- Lynn Russell, Head of Secretariat

Police Scotland briefing

1. Assistant Chief Constable Tim Mairs and Chief Inspector Craig Rogerson attended the meeting to provide the regular briefing to the SPCB on general security matters as they relate to the Scottish Parliament. This included a discussion on police presence on the parliamentary estate, protest activity and cyber security.

The Members' Personal Safety Service – Session 7: Paper 1

2. The SPCB considered a paper setting out the work in development by the Security Office to help address the risks Members and their staff face and

are likely to continue to face in session 7. During the discussion, the SPCB noted that the Social Media Monitoring Service software can be used to monitor protest activity if it is advertised through open-source channels. The SPCB agreed that open-source advertised protest activity at local offices is also monitored through the software.

Previous minutes

3. The SPCB agreed the minute of the meeting held on 12 December 2024.

Festival of Politics 2024 – Report: Paper 2

4. The SPCB welcomed the success of the Festival of Politics 2024 programme as set out in the paper, noting that it reflected 25 years of the Scottish Parliament, 20 years of the Holyrood building while responding to contemporary political, ethical and social issues.

Festival of Politics 2025: Paper 3

5. The SPCB considered and agreed the proposed plans and preparations for the Festival of Politics 2025, which will run between 20 and 22 August 2025, and the approach to developing partnerships for the programme.

Major Events and Exhibitions Programme 2025-26: Paper 4

6. The SPCB discussed proposals for the 2025-26 programme of major events and exhibitions. The SPCB agreed to the programme as set out in the paper. During the discussion, the SPCB sought clarification on the process for receiving proposals and how unsuccessful proposals are considered for future major events and exhibitions.

Any other business

7. The SPCB agreed to close the Parliament building on 24 January 2025 in light of the Met Office's red warning for Storm Éowyn, which predicted very strong winds and significant disruption.

Date of next meeting

8. The next meeting of the SPCB was scheduled for 6 February 2025.

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