



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Minute of the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body (SPCB) meeting held on Thursday 23 February 2023 at 9.00am

Present:

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

Apologies:

- Jackson Carlaw MSP

In attendance:

- David McGill
- Michelle Hegarty
- Sara Glass
- Janice Crerar
- Susan Duffy
- Roy Devon
- Huw Williams
- Mark Brough
- Eric MacLeod
- Lisa Creamer
- Judith Proudfoot, Secretary

Previous minutes

1. The SPCB agreed the minute of the meeting held on 2 February 2023.

Matters arising

2. The SPCB noted that the following matters had been noted/agreed by correspondence since the last meeting:

- Noted the new framework agreement in place for MSPs to access the WelcoMe accessibility app.
- Noted the building would be closed to the public on Monday 8 May in order to enable as many members of staff as possible to take advantage of the public holiday marking the coronation of His Majesty The King.

Chief Executive's Report

3. This Report incorporated the Quarter 3 Finance and Performance Reports in addition to providing an overview of activities across the organisation over the past couple of months.
4. The SPCB noted the Report.

Members' Expenses Scheme: disability provision application – Paper 11

5. The SPCB approved an application for costs to be met from the disability provision of the Scheme.

Officeholders: Scottish Information Commissioner – Paper 12

6. The current Scottish Information Commissioner's 6-year term in office was due to end in October 2023. As this would be a Royal appointment, a cross-party selection panel, chaired by the Presiding Officer, would be established. The SPCB agreed the terms and conditions of appointment of the new Commissioner.

Major Events and Exhibitions Programme 2023-24 – Paper 13

7. The SPCB agreed a programme of major events and exhibitions for 2023-24. The Events Team would continue to liaise with organisations who had applied but not been successful for the current year to look at alternative routes and timings for bringing their events to the Parliament.
8. Running in parallel to the major events and exhibitions programme, the Events Team would continue to support between 320 and 340 Member-sponsored events, briefings and exhibitions over the coming year.

Electoral reform – Paper 14

9. The Scottish Government issued a consultation paper on Electoral Reform with the aim of introducing legislation on several electoral issues later this session. The SPCB discussed those areas of the consultation which impacted on the Parliament and/or the SPCB.
10. The SPCB agreed to discuss the matter further at the next meeting.

Late sittings

11. The SPCB had commissioned officials to consider the impact that late sittings of the Parliament had on Member and staff welfare, on services and effective operations.
12. The SPCB agreed to discuss this matter further at the next meeting.

Date of next meeting

13. The next meeting of the SPCB was scheduled for 9 March 2023.

SPCB secretariat
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