



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Minute of the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body (SPCB) meeting held on Thursday 4 May 2023 at 9.00am

Present:

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

In attendance:

- David McGill
- ACC Tim Mairs, Police Scotland
- Ch Supt Sean Scott, Police Scotland
- Becky Thomson
- Helen Birrell
- Sara Glass
- Mairi Pearson
- Jennie Chinembiri
- Charlotta Craig
- Huw Williams
- Mark Brough
- Eric MacLeod
- Lisa Creamer
- Judith Proudfoot, Secretary

Previous minutes

1. The SPCB agreed the minute of the meeting held on 20 April 2023.

Matters arising

2. Claire Baker MSP provided an update on the new security arrangements for visitors to the Parliament following a walk-through she had undertaken with officials.

Security

3. The SPCB received its regular briefing from Police Scotland on security matters as they relate to the Scottish Parliament and Members. This included a discussion around engagement with protesters and management of protest activities.

Security – Paper 30

4. The SPCB approved a request for security related works at a Member's local office.

Reimbursement of Members' Expenses Scheme – Paper 31

5. The SPCB agreed a motion to be put to Parliament for a change to the Scheme that would address an anomaly relating to the limit on how much Members could vire between their office cost and engagement provisions. The change would not impact on the overall budget provision.

Reimbursement of Members' Expenses Scheme – Paper 32

6. The SPCB agreed administrative arrangements and delegated authority to enable the Allowances Office to process requests for overnight accommodation costs in Edinburgh, within agreed criteria, where those costs exceed the standard rate. This was not a change to the Scheme.

International activity report – Paper 33

7. The SPCB noted an update from the International Relations Office on inward and outward international visits managed during the past year.

Parliamentary travel – Paper 34

8. The SPCB approved travel by Stuart McMillan MSP in his role as the Scottish Parliament's representative on the Commonwealth Parliamentary

Association (CPA) Executive Committee. The SPCB also noted and approved the travel undertaken by Mr McMillan when he undertook this role previously in the absence of a representative from Northern Ireland.

9. All costs associated with this role were met by the CPA.

Date of next meeting

10. The next meeting of the SPCB was scheduled for 18 May 2023.

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