



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Minute of the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body (SPCB) meeting held on Thursday 9 November 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
- Michelle Hegarty
- Sara Glass, Mairi Pearson
- Stuart Nicol, Cliff Andrews
- Janice Crerar
- Lynsey Hamill, Victoria Barby
- Huw Williams
- Mark Brough
- Eric MacLeod
- Lisa Creamer
- Judith Proudfoot, Secretary

Previous minutes

1. The SPCB agreed the minute of the meeting held on 26 October 2023.

Matters arising

2. No decisions had been taken by correspondence since the last meeting. Updates had been circulated for noting on matters including: car park access arrangements; future Members' surveys; correspondence; and the appointment of an adviser to the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee.

Parliamentary travel – Paper 67

3. The SPCB agreed a request for travel costs to be met from the Members' Expenses Scheme. The SPCB also requested that officials bring a paper to a future meeting for further discussion around costs incurred by Members relating to Cross Party Group activities.

Digital project investment planning – Paper 68

4. The SPCB received an overview of digital project investment. The SPCB noted the project pipeline covering the remainder of the session, the estimated budgetary requirements that would feature in the SPCB's budget bid, and the governance arrangements in place for the projects.

Resource allocation for 2024-25 budget and future years

5. The SPCB discussed indexation options for both 2024-25 and 2025-26. Modelling would be undertaken based on the indices presented and these would be further discussed ahead of a finalised budget bid being presented for sign-off in December.

Officeholder contingency requests – Paper 69

6. The SPCB agreed a contingency request from the Commissioner for Children and Young People in Scotland.
7. The SPCB also considered a request from the Electoral Commission and asked officials to set up a meeting with the Commission to facilitate further discussion.

Business Travel Policy – Paper 70

8. The SPCB discussed proposals aimed at helping to reduce the organisation's travel emissions. Additional information was requested to support further discussions at a future meeting.

2023 Festival of Politics report – Paper 71

9. This item was deferred and it was agreed the paper would be circulated for noting by correspondence.

2024 Festival of Politics – Paper 72

10. This item was deferred to a future meeting.

Any other business

11. The SPCB was briefed on a protest taking place at the front of the building.

Date of next meeting

12. The next meeting of the SPCB was scheduled for 23 November 2023.

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