



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Minute of the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body (SPCB) meeting held on Thursday 6 October 2022 at 9.30am

Present:

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

In attendance:

- Ian Bruce, Acting Ethical Standards Commissioner
- David McGill
- Michelle Hegarty
- Janice Crerar
- Tracey White
- Bill Ward
- Mark Brough
- Huw Williams
- Lisa Creamer, Secretary

Acting Ethical Standards Commissioner's Business Case for Additional Staff – Paper 63

1. The SPCB considered a business case for additional staff submitted by the Acting Ethical Standards Commissioner. This was to address issues raised in the Auditor General for Scotland's Section 22 report "The 2020/21 audit of the Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland". The additional funding requested would address capacity concerns, improve resilience, and assist the office in meeting its key performance targets.

2. The SPCB approved the full business case - totalling £367,000 for a full year - which included a request for 7.4 additional members of staff and to regrade two existing posts. The SPCB further agreed that contingency funding would be available to fund any appointments made in advance of the new financial year.

[Maggie Chapman and Claire Baker left the meeting]

Chamber work update

3. Tracey White and Bill Ward provided an update on the new hybrid system and proposed new consoles for the Chamber.
4. The SPCB discussed these improvements and noted the new hybrid system would be introduced on 1 November 2022.

Date of next meeting

5. The next meeting of the SPCB was scheduled for 27 October 2022.

SPCB secretariat

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