



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

# Minute of the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body (SPCB) meeting held on Thursday 15 June 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
- Alan Balharrie
- Phil Bassett
- Tracey White
- Bill Ward
- Gary Welsh
- Susan Duffy
- Roy Devon
- Lorna Foreman
- Kenny Htet-Khin
- Huw Williams
- Mark Brough
- Eric MacLeod
- Lisa Creamer
- Judith Proudfoot, Secretary

## Previous minutes

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

## Matters arising

2. The SPCB requested further detail on how numbers would be administered for the social media monitoring service pilot.

## **Security – cyber security**

3. The SPCB received an update on the nature of current cyber threats both domestic and international.

## **Chamber and committee systems**

4. The SPCB received an update on the upgrading of hybrid facilities in committee rooms and the programme of upgrades in the chamber. The pilot of the new hybrid platform currently running in CR6 was planned to go-live in all committee rooms in September/October. Upgrades in the chamber would include installation of new consoles and improvements to the Presiding Officers' dais.
5. In addition, to enhance accessibility to parliamentary proceedings, a 1-year pilot of live captions on chamber output would soon commence, to be run on the accessibility stream.

## **2023 Festival of Politics – Paper 42**

6. Officials provided an update on progress with planning for the 2023 Festival of Politics events.
7. The SPCB noted that the programme, due to be launched in late June, was looking excellent, with many MSPs due to participate in events. The Festival would again be a mixture of in-person and on-line events with all of them being streamed live.
8. The SPCB agreed a number of administrative arrangements around the Festival including keeping ticket prices at 2019 levels.

## **SPCB staff pay and reward policy – Paper 43**

9. The SPCB agreed a Pay and Reward Policy Statement for parliamentary staff.

## **AOB**

### **Events**

10. The SPCB noted an update on an upcoming event being run by 'Elect Her'.

## **Date of next meeting**

11. The next meeting of the SPCB was scheduled for 29 June 2023.

**SPCB secretariat**  
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