



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Minute of the Gender Sensitive Parliament Advisory Group meeting held on Wednesday 14 May at 6.00pm

Present:

- Rt Hon Alison Johnstone MSP, Presiding Officer (Chair)
- Rona Mackay MSP, Scottish National Party
- Carol Mochan MSP, Scottish Labour Party
- Sue Webber MSP, Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party
- Beatrice Wishart MSP, Scottish Liberal Democrats
- Professor Sarah Childs, Personal Chair of Politics and Gender, University of Edinburgh
- Professor Meryl Kenny, Professor of Gender and Politics, University of Edinburgh
- Femi Otitoju, Diversity and Inclusion Consultant

Apologies:

- Maggie Chapman MSP, Scottish Green Party
- Hannah Johnson

In attendance:

- Allan Campbell, Head of Operations, Chief Executive Group

Officials supporting the Advisory Group and officials from the Office of the Presiding Officer also attended.

Item 1: Minute of previous meeting and matters arising

- 1.1 The Group agreed the Minute of the meeting on 12 March 2025.
- 1.2 The Group reflected on the Women's Caucus meeting which took place on the 18 March, and the positive discussions which took place during the session.

Item 2: Update on progress on recommendations

2.1 The Group discussed the updates presented in the paper.

- **Recommendation 2** – Allan Campbell provided an update on the progress of the proposed disability audit.
- **Recommendation 7** – The Group agreed to the plans for the promotion of the video produced as part of this recommendation.

Item 3: Dissemination of Gender Sensitive Parliament Guidance

3.1 Professor Sarah Childs and Professor Meryl Kenny updated the Advisory Group on plans to disseminate the Gender Sensitive Parliament Guidance.

3.2 The Advisory Group thanked Professors Childs and Kenny for their work on this, and approved the planned approach.

Item 4: Parents and Carers Survey

4.1 The Group considered the approach to a possible parents and carers survey.

4.2 The Advisory Group agreed the proposed approach and that a draft survey should be sent to the Group for clearance via correspondence.

Item 5: Any other business

5.1 It was noted that the next meeting of the Advisory Group would take place in late June. It was agreed that a lunch time slot should be found for this meeting if possible.

Gender Sensitive Parliament Advisory Group Secretariat
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