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The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Minute of Parliamentary Bureau meeting

27 October 2026

Present:

- Kenneth Gibson (Chair)
- Jamie Hepburn
- Claire Baker
- Max Bannerman
- Lorna Slater
- Tim Eagle
- Willie Rennie

Also attended:

- Clare Adamson
- Katy Clark
- George Adam

Officials present:

- David McGill
- Callum Thomson
- Gavin King
- Irene Fleming
- Katy Orr
- Lynn Russell
- Alex Bruce
- Kath Byrne
- Megan Caskie
- Lewis McNaughton
- Sam Currie
- Gail Grant
- Kate Blackman
- Joanne Kendall
- Fran Iwanyckyj
- Matthew Linden
- Ellen Wright

Agenda item 1 – Previous minutes and matters arising

1. The Bureau agreed the minutes of its meeting on 6 October 2026.

Agenda item 2 – Business Programme

2. The Bureau agreed to the programme of business for the week beginning 26 October and the weeks beginning 2 November and 9 November.

3. The Bureau noted that Members' Business in the week beginning 2 November would be —
    - Tuesday 3 November: Bob Doris: Hospice Care Week 2026 – Don't Leave Hospice Care to Chance
    - Wednesday 4 November: David Barratt: The Lobular Moon Shot Project, Raising Awareness of Lobular Breast Cancer and the Lack of Research
    - Thursday 5 November: Colm Merrick: World Diabetes Day 2026

Agenda item 3 – Approval of SSIs

4. The Bureau noted that motions to approve the following instruments would be lodged-

- Energy Performance of Buildings (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2026
- Employment Tribunals Extension of Jurisdiction (Amendment) (Scotland) Order 2026
- The Provision of Early Learning and Childcare (Specified Children) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2026
- First-Tier Tribunal for Scotland (Transfer of Functions and Members of the Police Appeals Tribunal) Amendment Regulations 2026
- Representation of the People (Postal Voting for Local Government Elections) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2026
- Scottish Local Government Elections (Election Agents, Expenses and Publication of Information) Amendment Order 2026
- Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003 Remedial Order 2026
- Welfare of Equidae Code of Practice (Revocation) (Scotland) Notice 2026

Agenda item 4 – Referral of LCMs

5. The Bureau agreed to refer the supplementary LCM on the Financial Services and Markets Bill to the Criminal Justice Committee as lead committee.

6. The Bureau agreed to refer the second supplementary LCM on the Commercial Payments Bill to the Economy, Tourism and Energy Committee as lead committee.

7. The Bureau agreed to recommend to the Parliament that the Economy, Tourism and Energy Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the third supplementary LCM relating to the Sporting Events Bill.

Agenda item 5 – Finance and Public Administration Committee: request to appoint an adviser

8. The Bureau considered the Finance and Public Administration Committee's request to appoint an adviser.

Agenda item 6 – Members' Expenses Scheme

9. The Bureau agreed the request from the SPCB for Chamber time to be scheduled for a resolution on Amendment to Reimbursement of Members' Expenses Scheme.

Agenda item 7 – Members' Business allocation

10. The Bureau considered the options available for the scheduling of Members' Business following the resignation of a member of Reform UK.

Katy Orr
Clerk to the Parliamentary Bureau
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