

Conveners group: Minutes

3rd Meeting, 2021 (Session 6) Wednesday 24 November 2021

Present:

Liam McArthur MSP, Convener

Clare Adamson MSP, Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee

Claire Baker MSP, Economy and Fair Work Committee

Siobhan Brown MSP, COVID-19 Recovery Committee (virtual)

Ariane Burgess MSP, Local Government, Housing & Planning Committee

Jackson Carlaw MSP, Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee

Finlay Carson MSP, Rural Affairs, Islands and Natural Environment Committee

Joe Fitzpatrick MSP, Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee (virtual)

Kenneth Gibson MSP, Finance and Public Administration Committee

Neil Gray MSP, Social Justice and Social Security Committee

Stephen Kerr MSP, Education and Young People Committee (virtual)

Richard Leonard MSP, Public Audit Committee (virtual)

Dean Lockhart MSP, Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee

Gillian Martin MSP, Health, Social Care and Sport Committee

Stuart McMillan MSP, Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

Audrey Nicoll MSP, Criminal Justice Committee (virtual)

Martin Whitfield MSP, Standards and Procedures and Public Appointments Committee (virtual)

- 1. Committee business:** The Conveners Group agreed the minutes of the last meeting.

The Group agreed to write to the Parliamentary Bureau regarding gender balance on committees.

It also noted its agreement to the following Committee debates:

- 2 December: Covid-19 Recovery Committee debate on Covid-19 – preparing for winter and priorities for recovery
- 16 December: Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee debate on participation in parliamentary business
- 18 January: Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee debate on retrofitting of properties for net zero.

- 2. Parliamentary business:** The Group discussed issues around programming of parliamentary business and other matters relating to the operation of committees with George Adam MSP, Minister for Parliamentary Business, and Steven MacGregor, Head of Parliament and Legislation Unit, Scottish Government.

- 3. Meeting with the First Minister:** The Group noted the arrangements for the 15 December meeting with the First Minister and agreed to focus the questions on the themes of Covid-19 and Net Zero.

- 4. Conveners Group Strategic Priorities:** The Group noted an update on its Strategic Plan for Session 6, and the development of a work programme to support its delivery.

Contact details for the clerk

Irene Fleming
Clerk to the Conveners Group
Room T3.40
The Scottish Parliament
Tel: 0131 348 5256
Email: Irene.Fleming@parliament.scot