



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

# Conveners group

## Minutes

1st Meeting, 2023 (Session 6) Wednesday 25 January 2023

Present:

Liam McArthur MSP, Convener  
 Clare Adamson MSP, Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee  
 Claire Baker MSP, Economy and Fair Work Committee  
 Siobhian Brown MSP, COVID-19 Recovery Committee  
 Ariane Burgess MSP, Local Government, Housing & Planning Committee  
 Jackson Carlaw MSP, Citizen Participation & Public Petitions Committee  
 Natalie Don MSP, Social Justice and Social Security Committee (virtual)  
 Joe Fitzpatrick MSP, Equalities, Human Rights & Civil Justice Committee  
 Kenneth Gibson MSP, Finance & Public Administration Committee  
 Richard Leonard MSP, Public Audit Committee  
 Gillian Martin MSP, Health, Social Care and Sport Committee (virtual)  
 Edward Mountain MSP, Net Zero, Energy & Transport Committee  
 Sue Webber MSP, Education, Children and Young People Committee  
 Martin Whitfield MSP, Standards, Procedures & Public Appointments Committee

Apologies were received from:

Finlay Carson MSP, Stuart McMillan MSP and Audrey Nicoll MSP

1. **Minutes:** The Conveners Group agreed the minutes of the last meeting.
2. **Public participation in the Scottish Parliament: discussion on the recommendations of the Citizen's Panel on public participation:** The Group considered the recommendations of the Citizen's Panel on public participation and agreed to consider the recommendations again later in the year.
3. **Committee travel request: consideration of committee travel request:** The Group considered a travel request from the Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee, for travel to France and Ireland as part of its public participation inquiry. The Group approved the travel request subject to costs being reduced.

- 4. SPCB-supported officeholders: consideration of a proposed written agreement between Conveners Group and Scottish Parliament Corporate Body:** The Group considered the proposed written agreement between the Conveners Group and the Scottish Parliament Corporate Body on the scrutiny of SPCB-supported officeholders. It agreed the written agreement, subject to its arrangements being reviewed after 12-18 months to assure itself that governance arrangements had been strengthened.
  
- 5. Net zero scrutiny - Progress report on CG Session 6 Strategic Priority: update on action taken on net zero scrutiny:** Due to time constraints, the Group agreed to defer this agenda item to a future meeting.

Date of Next Meeting: 22 February 2023

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