



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## Conveners group

### Minutes

4th Meeting, 2024 (Session 6) Wednesday 29 May 2024

Present:

Liam McArthur MSP, Convener

Karen Adam - Equalities, Human Rights & Civil Justice Committee

Claire Baker - Economy & Fair Work Committee

Ariane Burgess - Local Government, Housing & Planning Committee

Jackson Carlaw - Citizen Participation & Public Petitions Committee

Finlay Carson - Rural Affairs and Islands

Clare Haughey - Health, Social Care & Sport Committee

Richard Leonard - Public Audit Committee

Stuart McMillan - Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

Edward Mountain - Net Zero, Energy & Transport Committee

Audrey Nicoll - Criminal Justice Committee

Collette Stevenson – Social Justice and Social Security Committee

Martin Whitfield - Standards, Procedures & Public Appointments Committee

Sue Webber - Education, Children and Young People Committee

Apologies were received from:

Clare Adamson – Constitution, Europe, External Affairs & Culture Committee

Kenneth Gibson – Finance & Public Administration Committee

**1. Minutes:** The Conveners Group agreed the minutes of the last meeting.

Matters arising:

- The Group noted responses to the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee on elected Conveners and to the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee on framework bills.

**2. Strategic Priority: Cross Committee working - Net zero scrutiny:** The Group heard a briefing on ongoing scrutiny of net zero issues in the context of future climate change plan and proposed Climate Change Bill. The Group also noted that an update on the work to deliver the Strategic Priority on net zero scrutiny will be provided at the next meeting.

### **3. Strategic Priority: Participation, Diversity and Inclusion:**

- a) **Report on participation, diversity and inclusion activity in 2023/23:**  
The Group reviewed progress to date in this area and agreed the actions proposed for next year.
  
- b) **Topic selection for next People's Panel:** The Group agreed to the delivery of a People's Panel to support the work of the cross-committee on tackling drug deaths and drug harm. In doing so, it also agreed that PACT should work with the Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee to support participation in the scrutiny of the Human Rights (Scotland) Bill.

Date of Next Meeting: 26 June 2024

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