

RURAL AFFAIRS, ISLANDS AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

1st Meeting, 2021 (Session 6), Tuesday 22nd June 2021

Choice of convener and deputy convener

Introduction

1. This paper explains the procedure for choosing a convener and deputy convener at the first meeting of the Committee.

Oldest member

2. Standing Orders requires all committees to choose a convener at their first meeting. Rule 12.1.6 states that the meeting is to be chaired by the oldest committee member until a convener is chosen. The oldest committee member is defined as the oldest member of the Committee present at the meeting and who has indicated to the clerk that they agree to chair the meeting.

Choice of convener

3. On 15 June 2021, the Parliament agreed to motion S6M-00393 which resolved that members of the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party are eligible to be chosen as Convener of the Rural Affairs, Islands and Natural Environment Committee. There is no requirement for nominations to be submitted in advance of the meeting or to be seconded.
4. Committee members will then be invited to appoint the nominated person as convener.
5. On being chosen by the Committee, the convener will immediately take the chair and will chair the rest of the meeting.

Choice of deputy convener

6. Motion S6M-00393 also stated that members of the Scottish Liberal Democrats are eligible to be chosen as deputy convener of the Rural Affairs, Islands and Natural Environment Committee.
7. The procedure for choosing a deputy convener is the same as that for the convener and will be conducted by the newly-chosen convener.

**Clerk to the Committee
June 2021**