

**Written submission from the Scottish Parliament Conveners Group
28 May 2024**

Consultation on Elected Conveners 2024

Thank you for your letter of 21 February 2024 in which you sought the views of the Conveners Group on the possible introduction of a system for elected conveners of committees.

As you will be aware, the Group discussed your letter at the meeting on 24 April 2024 where a wide range of views were expressed.

Although the Group has a clear interest in the matter, Conveners agreed that it is not a matter on which the Group should reach a collective view. In doing so, the Group noted that MSPs can submit their personal views to your Committee's consultation, and that you are also gathering views from the Parliamentary Bureau, the SPCB and political parties.

The Group would, however, welcome the opportunity to comment on any proposal for rule changes and any associated scheme or guidance should your Committee decide to propose the introduction of a system for elected conveners.

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