

Cross Party Group on Dyslexia

Wednesday 14th March 2024 at 6pm

(via Microsoft Teams)

Minute

Present

MSPs

Oliver Mundell MSP, Stuart McMillan MSP

Non-MSP Group Members

Paul McNeill, Ann Menzies, Cathy Magee, Dr Julie Ross, Fran Foreman, Gillian Evans, Joanna Karkanevatou, Margaret Crombie, Michelle Luciano, Patricia Hewitt, , Ross Duncan, Sharon Mayhall, Lena Gillies

Apologies

Pam Gosal MSP, Paul O’Kane MSP; Rachael Hamilton MSP

1. Introduction

Mr Mundell welcomed the group and thanked everyone for their attendance, he indicated that unfortunately due to the last minute cancellation from the Learning Disabilities, Autism and Neurodivergence Bill: consultation team, the agenda would be tailor to suite.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes were approved.

3. Business arising from the minute

There were no actions from the previous meeting that did not appear on the agenda.

4. Update on the Learning Disabilities, Autism and Neurodivergence Bill: consultation

Paul McNeill provide a very short presentation on the stages of the consultation process, from the information that had been sent to him and gathered from the website.

Paul McNeill indicated that he had asked the Bill Tea if they could provide another date to meet the group.

It was agreed that due to the importance of the bill that Paul should try and arrange this meeting, and the group would be flexible to try and meet.

Action – Paul to arrange a follow up meeting with the bill team.

6. Discussion points

The group had a general discussion about the bill:

Cathy – updated the group on the process that she had been involved in so far with respect to the initial consultation meetings. She encouraged everyone that could to feed into the process so ensure all dyslexic voice we represented.

Cathy – highlighted the challenges the bill would face due to his wide breath and all the areas it was trying to capture.

Gillian – highlighted the challenges of what the bill was trying to achieve and this was an already very complexed area with a number of polices in place.

Fran – updated the group that there was a number of bills that covered some of these areas but highlighted the importance of feeding back into the consultation.

The group had a further discussion on the bill and it was agreed that is was maybe trying to cover too many areas, was potentially far to broad.

7. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting would be arranged