

Agenda

Cross-Party Group on Visual Impairment

**Wednesday 11 March 2026, 13.15-14.30,
Committee Room 5, Scottish Parliament,
and online via Teams**

Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Visual Impairment #CPGVI

Purpose of the group:

The Cross-Party Group on Visual Impairment draws together the blind and partially sighted sector in Scotland to identify issues competent to the Scottish Parliament and seeks, in a reasonable fashion, to influence policy, legislation and decision makers to better reflect the needs of blind and partially sighted people.

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Agenda item 1 - Welcome, introductions and apologies

Welcome, introductions and apologies plus GDPR statement.

Agenda item 2 - Approval of minutes of meeting of 2 December 2025

Agenda item 3 - Matters arising and Action Points

See the note on action points circulated with the meeting papers. The Secretary can respond to any queries but under AOCB to allow time for our speakers.

Agenda item 4 – Designing for Inclusion

Designing for Inclusion - Guide Dogs

Introduced by Niall Foley, External Affairs Manager (Scotland), Guide Dogs Scotland.

Lived case studies – Alan Dudley, Edinburgh, and Georgea Strachan, Haggeye.

Response – Fiona Hyslop MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Transport.

Followed by Q and A.

Agenda item 5 – 2026 Scottish Parliament Election

Improving accessibility - reflections on progress – Graeme Dey MSP, Minister for Parliamentary Business.

Accessible voting and the 2026 Scottish Parliament Election – Jim Savege, Chief Executive, Aberdeenshire Council and Chair of the Electoral Management Board (EMB) for Scotland, Sub-group on Accessibility and Chris Highcock, Secretary, EMB.

Followed by Q and A.

Agenda Item 6 - Any other competent business

6.1 Note on action points.

Agenda item 7 - Date of next meeting

This is the final Cross-Party Group on Visual Impairment meeting before the dissolution of this session of the Scottish Parliament.