



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Minute of the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body (SPCB) meeting held on Thursday 30 January 2020 at 9am, in Q1.03, QH

Present:

- Ken Macintosh MSP (Chair)
- David Stewart MSP
- Ruth Davidson MSP
- Andy Wightman MSP
- Liam McArthur MSP
- Sandra White MSP

In attendance:

- David McGill
- Michelle Hegarty
- Lynsey Hamill
- Barry Lang
- Judith Morrison
- Derek Croll
- Mairi Pearson
- Janice Crerar
- Callum Thomson
- Linda Orton
- Michael Peters
- Joanne McNaughton
- Huw Williams
- Eric MacLeod
- Graeme Donoghue
- Judith Proudfoot, Secretary

Minutes of previous meeting

1. The SPCB agreed the minutes of the previous meetings held on 16 and 23 January 2020.

Matters arising

European flag

2. The SPCB discussed the previous day's debate in the chamber and noted Parliament's decision.

Security

3. The SPCB reviewed the handling of recent protests in the chamber.

Staffing update - oral

4. In 2018 the SPCB took the decision to move to a direct employment model for its professional legal staff. The exercise to implement this had gone well and the SPCB noted an update on the new structure in place.

Reimbursement of Members' expenses scheme: review – SPCB(2020)paper 3

5. The Members' Expenses Scheme is typically reviewed each parliamentary session to ensure it continues to provide the most appropriate, efficient and cost-effective support to MSPs in carrying out their parliamentary duties. This paper provided the outcomes of the recent review and included a number of recommendations for changes to the Scheme.
6. Subject to some amendments to the wording, the SPCB agreed the recommendations which would be communicated to MSPs shortly and then put to the Parliament for approval in order for the revised Scheme to be in place for the start of the next session.

Officeholders' strategic plans – SPCB(2020)paper 4

7. The SPCB discussed the draft Strategic Plans provided by the Commissioner for Children and Young People; the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman; the Standards Commission for Scotland; and the Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland. The remaining officeholders' plans would be considered at a future meeting.
8. The SPCB noted the Strategic Plans and agreed to arrange a meeting with all officeholders.

Corporate identity development – SPCB(2020)paper 5

9. The SPCB agreed minor design changes to the Corporate Identity which would improve its clarity when reproduced digitally, particularly given the increasing use of smaller digital platforms to access information.

Date of next meeting

10. The next meeting of the SPCB was due to take place on Thursday 20 February 2020.