



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Minute of the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body (SPCB) meeting held on Thursday 20 November 2025 at 9.30am

Present:

- Alison Johnstone MSP (chair)
- Claire Baker MSP
- Jackson Carlaw MSP
- Christine Grahame MSP

Apologies

- Maggie Chapman MSP

In attendance:

- David McGill, Clerk/Chief Executive
- Michelle Hegarty, Deputy Chief Executive
- Lynsey Hamill, Becky Thomson, Stephen Wright
- Eric MacLeod
- Mark Brough
- Lisa Creamer
- Lynn Russell, Head of Secretariat

Item 1: Police Scotland briefing

1. Assistant Chief Constable Tim Mairs and Superintendent David Reid attended the meeting to provide Police Scotland's regular briefing to the SPCB on general security matters as they relate to the Scottish Parliament. This included a discussion on current policing threats, the positive work of the Scottish Parliament's Social Media Monitoring Service in detecting possible early online threats and how Police Scotland manage protests on the Parliamentary grounds.

Item 2: Protest policy Review: Paper 64

2. At its meeting on 30 October 2025, the SPCB considered minor revisions to the Protest Policy and requested some additional small changes.
3. The SPCB considered these changes today and requested further minor amendments to the policy. It also agreed to approve the final updated policy by correspondence.

Item 3: Matters arising

4. The SPCB noted a memo advising that Royal Mail will implement a 3-week blackout period for Door-to-Door deliveries from 8 December to prioritise

Christmas card and parcel deliveries. It further noted that this may delay the delivery of Members' parliamentary funded communications beyond the 6 January 2026 deadline.

5. The SPCB agreed that where Royal Mail fail to deliver Members' parliamentary funded communications by 6 January, no action should be taken against the Member, provided they can supply satisfactory evidence that the delivery was booked for no later than 29 December 2025 and should have been delivered in the week prior to the cut off on the 6 December 2025.

Date of next meeting

6. The next meeting of the SPCB was scheduled for 27 November 2025.

SPCB Secretariat
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