



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Minute of the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body (SPCB) meeting held on Thursday 12 March 2026 at 9.30am

Present:

- Alison Johnstone MSP (chair)
- Claire Baker MSP (item 5)
- Jackson Carlaw MSP
- Maggie Chapman MSP
- Christine Grahame MSP

Apologies:

- Michelle Hegarty, Deputy Chief Executive

In attendance:

- David McGill, Clerk/Chief Executive
- Mairi Pearson, Peter Walker
- Lorna Hunter
- Kenny Htet-Khin, Jane McEwan, Abbi Hobbs
- Allan Campbell
- Eric MacLeod
- Mark Brough
- Lisa Creamer
- Lynn Russell, Head of Secretariat

Item 1: Previous meeting

1. The SPCB agreed the minutes of the meeting held on 5 March 2026.

Item 2: Matters arising

2. The following items were dealt with by correspondence since the meeting on 5 March 2026:

- **Paper 19: Review of Members' Expenses Scheme and Upating of Members' Expenses Provisions.** The SPCB noted the changes made to the Members' Expenses Scheme and Party Leaders' Expenses Scheme in line with the review findings and recommendations, as agreed by the SPCB at its meeting on 25 September 2025. It also agreed the 2026-27 uplifted provision rates for both Schemes and for the Schemes to be put to the Parliament for approval, so they are in place from the beginning of Session 7.

- **Paper 23: Sustainable Development Programme Closure Report.** The SPCB noted the closure of the Sustainable Development Programme and endorsed the proposed transition arrangements for Session 7.

Item 3: Allowances – travel application – Paper 20

3. The SPCB considered a request from two Members for the travel and overnight costs associated with a proposed visit to the National Assembly in France to be met from the Reimbursement of Members' Expenses Scheme. The SPCB requested that officials seek further information regarding the visit to inform its decision.

Item 4: Public Engagement Strategy – Paper 21

4. The SPCB considered a refreshed Public Engagement Strategy, intended to strengthen the Parliament's overall approach to public engagement, embed deliberative participation into committee work and affirm Parliament's role as a central and trusted space for democratic engagement in Scotland.
5. Following discussion, the SPCB approved the refreshed strategy and endorsed the commencement of the delivery plan from April 2026.

Item 5: Inclusive Parliament Review – Dignity at Work – Paper 22

6. The SPCB considered the outcome of the Dignity at Work Review, conducted as part of the Inclusive Parliament Review Programme. The SPCB held a detailed discussion on the review findings and endorsed the recommendations to strengthen prevention, clarify expectations, modernise reporting routes and improve consistency of support across all employment groups. It further agreed the approach to communicating the review findings and recommendations.

Date of next meeting

7. The next meeting of the SPCB was scheduled for 19 March 2026.

SPCB Secretariat

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