



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee

MEETING DETAILS

6th meeting 2019, Session 5

Thursday 25 April 2019 at 10am in the
James Clerk Maxwell Room (CR4)

COMMITTEE PAPERS

Agenda

Cross-Party Group paper

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

**Meeting papers and Official Reports
from previous meetings**

NOTICES

Next meeting:

2 May 2019 (additional meeting)

Future Meetings:

9 May 2019
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6 June 2019
20 June 2019



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The Committee will meet at 10.00 am in the James Clerk Maxwell Room (CR4).

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 4 and 5 in private.
2. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take future consideration of a report from the Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland, and its own draft report on the complaints, in private at future meetings.
3. **Cross-Party Group:** The Committee will consider an application for a change of purpose from the Cross-Party Group on the Future of Football in Scotland.
4. **Complaint:** The Committee will undertake its initial consideration of a report from the Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland.
5. **Standing Order rules changes - Committee membership:** The Committee will consider a note by the clerk.

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The papers for this meeting are as follows—

Agenda item 3

Note by the Clerk

SPPA/S5/19/6/1

Agenda item 4

PRIVATE PAPER (to follow)

SPPA/S5/19/6/2 (P)

Agenda item 5

PRIVATE PAPER

SPPA/S5/19/6/3 (P)

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee

6th Meeting 2019 (Session 4), Thursday 25 April 2019

Cross-Party Group – change of purpose of the Cross-Party Group on the Future of Football in Scotland

Introduction

1. At its Annual General Meeting on 25 February 2019, the Cross-Party Group on the Future of Football in Scotland agreed to a proposed change of the purpose of the Group. The Group agreed that it wished to have a more focused outline for the group going forward that would stay in line with the original purpose.

2. Correspondence from the Convener of the Group, Fulton MacGregor MSP, outlining the CPG's request is attached is attached for Members' information at the annexe to this paper.

3. Section 6, paragraph 40 of the Code of Conduct states that—

Change of name or purpose of CPGs

40. Any proposal to change the name or purpose of the Group must be drawn to the attention of the Committee. The Committee will consider the proposed change and decide if recognition should still be accorded to the Group.

4. The current purpose of the Cross-Party Group on the Future of Football in Scotland is—

- To create a platform to drive forward improvements in the national game, from grassroots football to professional game.

5. The Group proposes the following change of purpose—

1. To create a platform with key stakeholders, to discuss how football (and community football clubs) can help support the population being more active, linked to the overall National Active Framework.
2. To highlight and promote the 'Value of Football' and how local communities using the Scottish FA/UEFA SROI work to help influence Government Policy.
3. Affordability – To debate and make recommendations on the issues of affordability for local community clubs accessing facilities.
4. Accessibility (Community) – To debate and make recommendations on the issues facing local community clubs in relation to the accessibility of local facilities (for example, Schools lets, Community Asset Transfer)

5. Accessibility (National) – To debate the accessibility of all Scottish football stadiums, highlighting best practice and make any suitable recommendations.
 6. To create, a platform that highlights best practice in Scottish Football, which will enable the game to be driven forward at a national, grassroots and community level.
6. The Convener of the Group has not been invited to attend today's meeting as the Committee previously agreed that it would only require Conveners to attend for the establishment of a new Cross-Party Group. However, if Members feel that it would be beneficial for the Convener to attend a Committee meeting to discuss this change further then the Clerks could contact Fulton MacGregor MSP and invite him to attend a future meeting.

Next steps

7. **The Committee is invited to consider whether to:**
 - **approve the proposed purpose change to the Cross-Party Group on the Future of Football in Scotland; or**
 - **invite the Convener, Fulton MacGregor MSP, to attend a future meeting for further information before deciding whether this change should be agreed.**

Sam Currie
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Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee
April 2019

Annexe

Change of name or purpose of CPGs

At the AGM the group agreed to have a more focused outline for the group going forward that would stay in line with the original purpose: highlighted below,

1. To create a platform to drive forward improvements in the national game, from grassroots football to professional game.
2. This will involve looking at affordability to take part, whether as a player or supporter; Access for disabled people; Improvement at all levels of the game; Improving health, both physical and mental; Improving community engagement; Finding ways to improve the game for all – supporters, players and officials.
3. This CPG is focussed solely on improving football in Scotland, whereas we'd imagine the sport CPG is about increasing participation in sport. Although there is a cross over, they will be looking at different areas of concern. The CPG on sport is unlikely to look at the costs of hiring football pitches or access to semi-professional football grounds for people in wheelchairs.
4. Attempt to make the game affordable, accessible and safe.

The group agreed that over the last year that topics that had been discussed was more related to Community Football Development (at all levels of the game) and Grassroots football. The below was using the original purpose of the group and just giving a more focus to allow joint outcomes to be achieved:

The CPG will solely focus on improving football in Scotland and understand that there will be links with the GPG on Sport in some areas particularly in increasing participation, activity levels of the national game and link to improve all aspect of society linked to the National Performance Framework for Scotland. The GPG – Football will have a more focused objective of helping to develop community football, providing opportunities for all to participate, debating areas such as affordability and access.

Main aims include:

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Thanks and please let know if you need anything else,

Fulton