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CONVENER

*Jim Fairlie (Perthshire South and Kinross-shire) (SNP)

DEPUTY CONVENER

*Murdo Fraser (Mid Scotland and Fife) (Con)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- *John Mason (Glasgow Shettleston) (SNP)
- Stuart McMillan (Greenock and Inverclyde) (SNP)
- *Alex Rowley (Mid Scotland and Fife) (Lab)
- *Brian Whittle (South Scotland) (Con)

*attended

THE FOLLOWING ALSO PARTICIPATED:

Ash Regan (Edinburgh Eastern) (SNP) (Committee Substitute)

CLERK TO THE COMMITTEE

Sigrid Robinson

LOCATION

The David Livingstone Room (CR6)

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[The Deputy Convener opened the meeting at 09:03]

Interests

The Deputy Convener (Murdo Fraser): Good morning, and welcome to the ninth meeting in 2023 of the COVID-19 Recovery Committee.

As members will be aware, Siobhian Brown has resigned as our convener and member of the committee following her appointment as Minister for Victims and Community Safety. For that reason, I will chair this part of the meeting in my role as deputy convener.

I put on record the committee's thanks to Siobhian and offer her our congratulations on her appointment. We wish her well in her new role.

We have a new committee member: Stuart McMillan. We have received apologies from him this morning so, instead, we have Ash Regan, who has been appointed as a substitute member. Welcome, Ash.

Ash joins us online, as does Alex Rowley.

Under agenda item 1, I invite Ash to declare any registrable interests that are relevant to the committee's remit.

Ash Regan (Edinburgh Eastern) (SNP): Good morning. I have no relevant interests to declare.

The Deputy Convener: Thank you, Ash.

Convener

09:04

The Deputy Convener: I move to item 2, under which the committee will be invited to choose a new convener.

The Parliament has agreed that only members of the Scottish National Party are eligible for nomination as convener of the COVID-19 Recovery Committee. Are there any nominations for the role of convener?

John Mason (Glasgow Shettleston) (SNP): I nominate Jim Fairlie.

The Deputy Convener: Okay. Thank you very much. I suppose that I should ask whether there are any other nominations for convener. Are there? No, there are not.

Jim Fairlie was chosen as convener.

The Deputy Convener: Congratulations, Jim. At this point, I hand over convenership to you.

The Convener (Jim Fairlie): Thank you very much, deputy convener.

My first act as convener is to conclude the public part of our meeting.

09:05

Meeting continued in private until 10:05.

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