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FINANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE
1st Meeting 2026, Session 7

CONVENER

*Clare Haughey (Rutherglen and Cambuslang) (SNP)

DEPUTY CONVENER

*Alan Brown (Kilmarnock and Irvine Valley) (SNP)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

*Liam Kerr (North East Scotland) (Con)
*Michael Marra (North East Scotland) (Lab)
*Liam McArthur (Orkney Islands) (LD)
*Kim Schmulian (Glasgow) (Reform)
*Pauline Stafford (Bathgate) (SNP)

*attended

LOCATION

The Robert Burns Room (CR1)

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[The Convener opened the meeting at 10:00]

Interests

The Convener (Clare Haughey): Good morning and welcome to the first meeting in session 7 of the Finance and Public Administration Committee. I have received no apologies for today's meeting.

The purpose of our first agenda item is to enable each member of the committee to declare any relevant interests, in accordance with section 3 of the code of conduct. I will begin, and I will then ask each member in turn to declare any relevant interests.

I hold a bank nurse contract with NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde.

Alan Brown (Kilmarnock and Irvine Valley) (SNP): I have no relevant interests to declare.

Kim Schmulian (Glasgow) (Reform): I have no relevant interests to declare.

Michael Marra (North East Scotland) (Lab): I have no relevant interests to declare.

Liam Kerr (North East Scotland) (Con): I am 100 per cent shareholder and director of Trinity Kerr Ltd, which is a provider of legal services. That interest will not often be relevant, but I will make an appropriate declaration if it is.

Pauline Stafford (Bathgate) (SNP): I hold a dual mandate as an elected member of West Lothian Council and an MSP. Until last month, I was also employed by the National Youth Choir of Scotland. I received a final payment this month, after being elected as an MSP, but as I no longer work for the organisation, I do not think that that will be relevant in future.

Liam McArthur (Orkney Islands) (LD): I have no relevant interests to declare at this point.

The Convener: Thank you, committee members.

Deputy Convener

10:01

The Convener: The purpose of our next agenda item is to choose a deputy convener. As set out in motion S7M-00269, dated 4 June 2026, the Parliament has agreed that only members of the Scottish National Party are eligible for nomination as deputy convener of the committee. I invite a member of that party to nominate one of its members for the post.

Pauline Stafford: I nominate Alan Brown.

The Convener: Does anyone object to Mr Brown being chosen as deputy convener?

No member objects—we all agree to his being chosen.

Alan Brown was chosen as deputy convener.

The Convener: I congratulate Alan Brown on his appointment as deputy convener, and I look forward to working with him.

Decision on Taking Business in Private

10:02

The Convener: The next agenda item is a decision on whether to take agenda item 4, on the committee's work programme, and consideration of its work programme at its next meeting, in private. Do members agree to take those items in private?

Members *indicated agreement*.

The Convener: Before we move into private session, I put on record the committee's thanks to the session 6 Finance and Public Administration Committee for its legacy report.

We now move into private session.

10:02

Meeting continued in private until 10:36.

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