Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee
Tuesday 29 April 2025
10th Meeting, 2025 (Session 6)

Removal of a member of the Committee – Note by the Clerk

1. At today's meeting, Members will consider a motion ([S6M-17314](#)) lodged in the name of Tess White MSP, recommending that the Parliament agree that Maggie Chapman MSP be removed from office as a member of the Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee.

2. The motion lodged is as follows:

   S6M-17314 - That the Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee recommends that the Parliament remove Maggie Chapman from office as a member of the committee.

3. The procedure for such a motion is set out in Standing Orders (Rule 6.3.5B). This allows the Parliament, on a motion of the Committee, to remove an MSP from being member of the Committee.

4. A two-stage process follows in order to have the Member removed in this way:

   - the Committee would first have to agree to recommend (to the Parliament) the removal of the Member; and

   - the Parliament would then have to agree to the Committee's recommendation.

5. The Convener will invite Tess White to speak to her motion. She will then invite any other Member of the Committee present to speak. Once concluded, she will invite Tess White to wind up, and the press or withdraw the motion.

6. If the motion is withdrawn, there will be no further action taken during this meeting. If the motion is pressed, the Convener will put the question on whether Members of the Committee agree to the motion.

7. If the motion is agreed to by a simple majority, the Convener will lodge a similarly worded motion on behalf of the Committee, and the Bureau will be invited to consider this matter and schedule business in the Chamber.

8. If the motion is not agreed to, there will be no further action taken on this matter during this meeting of the Committee.

9. In the event of a tied vote, the Convener must exercise her casting vote.

Clerks to the Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee