

**Rural Affairs Committee**  
**Wednesday 24 June 2026**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Meeting, 2026 (Session 7)**

## **Choice of deputy convener**

### **Purpose of paper**

1. This paper explains the procedure for choosing a deputy convener at the Committee's first meeting.

### **Procedure**

2. The Parliament has specified (in motion [S7M-00269](#), agreed on 4 June 2026) that only members of the Scottish Liberal Democrats Party are eligible to be chosen as deputy convener of the Rural Affairs Committee. Accordingly, only Andrew Baxter is eligible for the position.
3. The Convener will invite someone to nominate Andrew Baxter to be deputy convener. (Andrew Baxter may also nominate himself.) The nomination does not need to be submitted in advance of the meeting, to be in writing or to be seconded.
4. Committee members will then be invited to choose Andrew Baxter as deputy convener.

**Clerks to the Committee**  
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