

**Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee
Thursday 25 June 2026
1st 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 Conservative and Unionist Party are eligible to be chosen as deputy convener of the Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee. Accordingly, only Meghan Gallacher is eligible for the position.
3. The Convener will invite someone to nominate Meghan Gallacher to be deputy convener. (Meghan Gallacher may also nominate herself.) 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 Meghan Gallacher as deputy convener.

**Clerks to the Committee
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