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COVID-19 Recovery Committee

1st Meeting, 2022 (Session 6), Thursday 13 January 2022

Ministerial statements on COVID-19

Introduction

1. At this meeting, the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for COVID Recovery (“the Cabinet Secretary”), will give evidence under agenda item 1.
2. The Committee will take evidence under this agenda item on the policy announcements arising from the latest Ministerial statements on COVID-19 on 5 January 2022 and 11 January 2022.

Background

3. SPICe has produced a [blog](#) with background information on the statutory powers that underpin the Scottish Government’s strategy for responding to COVID-19.

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4. The Scottish Government delivers a weekly statement to parliament setting out its latest actions for responding to COVID-19 on Tuesday afternoons. In addition, the Parliament was recalled during recess on [Wednesday 5 January 2022](#) to allow for a Ministerial statement on COVID-19. The main public health measures being used to respond to COVID-19 are contained within the [principal health protection regulations](#).
5. The Committee takes evidence from Scottish Ministers on any policy announcements arising from the statement and any changes to the regulations every fortnight. In light of the latest Omicron variant, the Committee has scheduled weekly evidence sessions with Scottish Ministers.

6. The next statement will take place on 11 January 2022. Members will take evidence on any policy announcements arising from this statement under agenda item 1.

SPICe COVID-19 Update

7. SPICe produces a briefing entitled 'SPICe COVID-19 Update' (see **Paper 3**). This provides Members with links to the latest guidance and supporting information published by the Scottish Government, in addition to a selection of websites with information on wider health and social and economic indicators in Scotland.

Next steps

8. The Committee will consider the evidence heard under agenda item 2.

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