



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Minutes of Parliamentary Bureau meeting

24 September 2024

Present:

- Alison Johnstone (Chair)
- Jamie Hepburn
- Alexander Burnett
- Martin Whitfield
- Patrick Harvie

Apologies:

- Gillian Mackay

Also attended:

- Annabelle Ewing
- Liam McArthur
- Rona Mackay

Officials present:

- David McGill
- Tracey White
- Callum Thomson
- Mark Brough
- Fran Iwanyckyj
- Katy Orr
- Sigrid Robinson
- Lucy Scharbert
- Joanna Hardy
- Jason Nairn
- Gail Grant
- Joanne Kendall
- Jennifer Griffin
- Samantha Currie
- Matthew Linden
- Ellen Wright

Agenda item 1 - Previous minutes and matters arising

1. The Bureau agreed the minutes of its meeting on 17 September.

Agenda item 3 – Timetabling of a Bill

2. The Bureau discussed the timetabling of consideration of the Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Bill.
3. The Bureau voted on two potential timetables for the consideration of the Bill. The first potential timetable was—
 - Stage 1 debate on Thursday 3 October;
 - Stage 2 consideration on Tuesday 8 October;
 - Stage 3 (amendment proceedings and debate) on Thursday 10 October.

This timetable was disagreed to by division (For: 0; Against: 60, Abstain: 62).

4. The Bureau then voted on the second potential timetable, as follows—
 - Stage 1 debate on Thursday 10 October;
 - Stage 2 consideration on Tuesday 29 October;
 - Stage 3 (amendment proceedings and debate) on Thursday 31 October.

This timetable was agreed to by division (For: 62; Against: 0, Abstain: 60).

5. The Bureau noted that various Standing Orders suspensions or variations would be necessary in order to deliver an expedited timetable.
6. The Bureau agreed that, if the Parliament agrees to the Bill's general principles, then the Bill should be referred back to the lead committee to take Stage 2.

Agenda item 2 - Business Programme

7. The Bureau agreed a revised programme of business for the week commencing 24 September and a programme of business for the weeks commencing 30 September and 7 October.

Agenda item 4 – Approval of SSI

8. Business Managers noted that a motion to approve the Environmental Protection (Single-use Vapes) (Scotland) Regulations 2024, would be lodged.

Agenda item 5 – Correspondence from the Finance and Public Administration Committee

9. The Bureau noted correspondence from the Finance and Public Administration Committee regarding its report “Scotland's Commissioner Landscape: A Strategic Approach” and agreed to consider its recommendations at a future meeting, following the Committee's debate on the report.

Agenda item 6 – Committee request to meet at the same time as the Parliament

10. Business Managers agreed to recommend to the Parliament that the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee be given permission to meet at the same time as the Chamber between 12:50pm and 3pm on Thursday 3 October.

Agenda item 7 – Committee Substitute Changes

11. Business Managers agreed to lodge a motion to approve the Committee substitute change set out in the paper.

Katy Orr
Clerk to the Parliamentary Bureau
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