



MINUTE OF THE SCOTTISH PARLIAMENTARY CORPORATE BODY (SPCB) MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 3 DECEMBER 2020 AT 10.30AM, Q1.03 and VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE (vc)

Present: Ken Macintosh MSP (Chair) David Stewart MSP (vc)
Jackson Carlaw MSP (vc) Sandra White MSP (vc)
Liam McArthur MSP Andy Wightman MSP

In attendance: David McGill (vc)
Michelle Hegarty (vc)
Sara Glass (vc)
Lis Craig (vc)
Mairi Pearson (vc)
Eric MacLeod (vc)
Joanne McNaughton (vc)
Huw Williams (vc)
Lisa Creamer (vc)
Judith Proudfoot, Secretary

STAFF COST PROVISION REVIEW REPORT – SPCB(2020)Paper 69

1. The SPCB approved the Review Report and its recommendations. The financial resourcing implications would be included in the SPCB's 2021-22 Budget Bid. The Report would also be circulated to all MSPs.

RESOURCE ALLOCATION FOR 2021-22 AND FUTURE YEARS

2. The SPCB had a further discussion on its budget submission for 2021-22. The SPCB noted that the ASHE index, used to uprate Members' pay, was 5.1%. The SPCB agreed that, taking account of a range of external economic factors, it would be inappropriate to apply the ASHE index as an uplift in these exceptional circumstances. As such the SPCB agreed a pay freeze on Members' salaries for the 21/22 financial year. The SPCB noted that this was an exceptional decision and should not be regarded as setting a precedent for future years.

3. A final version of the budget paper would be circulated for agreement by correspondence in order to meet the deadline for submission to the Finance and Constitution Committee.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

4. The next meeting was due to take place on 10 December 2020.

SPCB secretariat
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