



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Minute of the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body (SPCB) meeting held on Thursday 21 January 2021 at 09.00, via Teams

Present:

- Ken Macintosh MSP (Chair)
- Jackson Carlaw MSP
- Liam McArthur MSP
- David Stewart MSP
- Andy Wightman MSP

Apologies:

- Sandra White MSP

In attendance:

- David McGill
- Michelle Hegarty
- Lynsey Hamill
- Judith Morrison
- Cristine Livingston
- Becky Thomson
- John Paterson
- Sara Glass
- Sally Coyne
- Alan Balharrie
- Dorothy Sneddon
- Mark Sproul
- Eric MacLeod
- Joanne McNaughton
- Huw Williams
- Lisa Creamer
- Judith Proudfoot, Secretary

Previous minutes

1. The SPCB agreed the minutes of the meeting held on 10 December 2020.

Matters arising

2. The SPCB discussed attendance by Liam McArthur at the Finance and Constitution Committee on Wednesday 13 January to present the SPCB's budget for 2021-22.

Covid-19: update

3. The SPCB had received a number of updates on the tightening of covid restrictions since the last meeting and had agreed revised access arrangements to Holyrood for MSPs, staff, media and committees. In light of the ongoing level of restrictions, the SPCB now agreed to extend the arrangements for committees which would see them meeting virtually where possible to the end of February. An updated risk assessment and management process had been introduced to support any decisions taken on business taking place in Holyrood.

Brexit: update

4. The Chief Executive provided a brief update on Brexit-related matters as they impacted on the SPCB including: resourcing; the constitutional role of the Parliament; and access to goods and services.

Security – SPCB(2021)Paper 01

5. The SPCB noted an update on security matters.

6. The SPCB also considered a review of security measures and services introduced for MSPs and their staff during Session 5 and agreed recommendations for a package of services for the next Session.

Gaelic Language Plan – SPCB(2021)Paper 02

7. The SPCB is required to report annually to Bòrd na Gàidhlig on progress against its 5 year Gaelic Language Plan. The SPCB welcomed the work done by officials in ensuring the Parliament met its aims in supporting the Gaelic language as part of its business and engagement activities.

8. The SPCB noted the 2019-20 Report and agreed its submission to Bòrd na Gàidhlig and publication.

Web and online project: update – SPCB(2021)Paper 03

9. The SPCB noted an update on progress to replace the current web site, welcoming some of the innovations and discussing other areas for possible improvement.

Date of next meeting

10. The next meeting of the SPCB was scheduled for 4 February 2021.

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