



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

**Restricted – policy**

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# Minute of Parliamentary Bureau meeting 24 August 2021 at 12.00 pm MS Teams

## Present:

- Alison Johnstone (chair)
- Annabelle Ewing
- George Adam
- Stephen Kerr
- Neil Bibby
- Gillian Mackay

## Apologies:

- Liam McArthur

## Also attended:

- Gordon MacDonald

## Officials present:

- David McGill
- Tracey White
- Catherine Fergusson
- Gary Cocker
- Jason Nairn
- Polly Davidson
- Rebecca Carradice
- Mark Brough
- Jennifer Bell
- Gail Grant

- Callum Thomson
- Irene Fleming

## Previous minutes

1. The minutes of 22 June 2021 were agreed.

## Matters Arising

2. The Bureau noted that that they agreed by correspondence to:
  - refer the Transvaginal Mesh Removal (Cost Reimbursement) (Scotland) Bill to the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee at Stage 1;
  - to propose by motion that the Social Justice and Social Security Committee be designated as lead Committee for the Carer's Allowance Supplement (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 (motion taken on 24 June); and
  - to approve the appointment of a budget adviser to the Finance and Public Administration Committee.
3. The Bureau discussed the draft co-operation agreement between the Scottish Government and the Green Group. The Bureau noted that the agreement was subject to endorsement by both parties, and that officials are looking at possible implications of the draft co-operation agreement in terms of parliamentary business.
4. The Bureau discussed seating arrangements in the chamber and agreed to consider an updated seating plan at its next meeting.
5. The Bureau agreed to hold a strategic planning meeting on 8 September.

## Future business programme

6. The Bureau agreed a revised programme of business for the week commencing 30 August, and a programme of business for the weeks commencing 6 September and 13 September 2021.
7. The Bureau discussed options for the format of the item of business on the Programme for Government and agreed to consider options at its next meeting.

## Time for Reflection

8. The Bureau noted the programme of contributors for the period up to October recess, agreed that any adjustments to the programme up to October recess due to contributor availability be determined by the Presiding Officer, and agreed that Time for Reflection would be delivered remotely up to the October recess.

Catherine Fergusson  
Clerk to the Parliamentary Bureau

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