

# Parliamentary Bureau – Officeholder Appointment

## Chair of the Scottish Commission for Human Rights

### Introduction

1. This paper invites the Parliamentary Bureau to timetable a motion inviting the Parliament to agree to nominate Prof Angela O'Hagan to His Majesty for appointment as the Chair of the Scottish Commission for Human Rights.

### Background

2. An open recruitment exercise was undertaken by a cross-party selection panel set up under Standing Orders and which was chaired by the Presiding Officer.
3. Interviews were held on 18 March 2024 and a successful candidate has been identified. Pre-appointment checks have now been completed.
4. Under Rule 3.11.7, once the selection panel has decided on an individual, any member of the panel may lodge a motion seeking the agreement of the Parliament to the nomination. Karen Adam MSP will lodge the Motion.
5. Rule 3.11.8 further provides that any debate on a motion on the nomination is restricted to 30 minutes with each speaker being restricted to no more than 5 minutes.

### Conclusion

6. The Parliamentary Bureau is invited to agree to a motion being timetabled for debate ideally during the week commencing 13 May 2024.

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