



Minutes of Parliamentary Bureau meeting

28 August 2024

Present:

- Alison Johnstone (Chair)
- Jamie Hepburn
- Alexander Burnett
- Martin Whitfield
- Gillian Mackay

Apologies:

- Annabelle Ewing
- Liam McArthur

Also attended:

- Rona Mackay

Officials present:

- David McGill
- Tracey White
- Callum Thomson
- Mark Brough
- Fran Iwanyckyj
- Katy Orr
- Joanna Hardy
- Jason Nairn
- Irene Fleming
- Joanne Kendall
- Jennifer Griffin
- Samantha Currie
- Matthew Linden

Agenda item 1 - Previous minutes and matters arising

1. The Bureau agreed the minutes of its meeting on 25 June.

Agenda item 2 - Business Programme

2. Labour had requested a statement on behaviour in schools. The Minister proposed to schedule this on 3 September.

3. The Liberal Democrats had requested a statement on the latest drugs mortality figures. This was supported by Labour. The Minister proposed to schedule a statement on 12 September.
4. The Bureau agreed to recommend to the Parliament a revised programme of business for the week commencing 2 September and a programme of business for the weeks commencing 9 and 16 September.

Agenda item 3 – Consideration of a Bill at Stage 2

5. The Bureau agreed to refer the Welfare of Dogs (Scotland) Bill back to the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee for consideration at Stage 2, and to recommend to the Parliament that consideration of the Bill at Stage 2 be completed by Friday 27 September.

Agenda item 4 – Approval of SSIs

6. Business Managers noted that a motion to approve the following instrument would be lodged—
 - The Tied Pubs (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024.

Agenda item 5 – Referral of LCMs

7. Business Managers agreed to refer the LCMs on the Great British Energy Bill and the Passenger Railway (Public Ownership) Bill to the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee as lead committee.

Agenda item 6 – Appointment of a Committee adviser

8. Business Managers agreed to approve the appointment of an adviser to assist the Standards Procedures and Public Appointments Committee in its inquiry on Committee Effectiveness.

Agenda item 7 – PO guidance on participation

9. Business Managers noted that work is continuing on revisions to Guidance issued by the Presiding Officer on Members' conduct in the Chamber.

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Clerk to the Parliamentary Bureau
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