



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## Conveners group

### Minutes

4<sup>th</sup> Meeting, 2022 (Session 6) Wednesday 27 April 2022

Present:

Liam McArthur MSP, Convener  
 Clare Adamson MSP, Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee  
 Claire Baker MSP, Economy and Fair Work Committee  
 Siobhian Brown MSP, COVID-19 Recovery Committee  
 Ariane Burgess MSP, Local Government, Housing & Planning Committee  
 Jackson Carlaw MSP, Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee (virtual)  
 Finlay Carson MSP, Rural Affairs, Islands & Natural Environment Committee  
 Joe FitzPatrick MSP, Equalities, Human Rights & Civil Justice Committee (virtual)  
 Kenneth Gibson MSP, Finance & Public Administration Committee  
 Richard Leonard MSP, Public Audit Committee  
 Dean Lockhart MSP, Net Zero, Energy & Transport Committee  
 Gillian Martin MSP, Health, Social Care and Sport Committee (Virtual)  
 Stuart McMillan MSP, Delegated Powers & Law Reform Committee  
 Martin Whitfield MSP, Standards and Procedures and Public Appointments Committee  
 Elena Whitham MSP, Social Justice and Social Security Committee

Apologies were received from:

Stephen Kerr MSP and Audrey Nicoll MSP

1. **Minutes:** The Conveners Group agreed the minutes of the last meeting. The Group also noted the Delegated Powers & Law Reform Committee recommendation not to continue the SSI protocol. And noted the constrained timetabling of Stage 1 of the Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Articles (Scotland) Bill.
2. **Climate change and net zero issues:** The Group considered the cross-committee scrutiny challenges in relation to climate change and net zero issues. It agreed to consider a potential package of approaches and measures at a future meeting.
3. **Business continuity:** The Group received a briefing on operation London Bridge and the arrangements that would be put in place when it is invoked.

4. **Committee travel requests:** The Group considered and approved the Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee's request to visit Brussels.
5. **Gender balance on committees:** The Group noted a letter from the Parliamentary Bureau on gender balance on committees and noted that the Bureau would be considering this issue at a future meeting. The Group agreed to monitor progress being made in achieving gender balance by receiving regular updates on the impact committee membership changes have on gender balance.

Date of Next Meeting: 25 May 2022

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