



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Minute of the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body (SPCB) meeting held on Thursday 10 October 2024 at 9.00am

Present:

- Alison Johnstone MSP (chair)
- Claire Baker MSP
- Jackson Carlaw MSP
- Maggie Chapman MSP
- Christine Grahame MSP

In attendance:

- David McGill
- Michelle Hegarty
- Janice Crerar, Jan Savage, Scottish Human Rights Commission
- Lynsey Hamill, Alan Durward, Iain Rae
- Sara Glass, Peter Walker
- Callum Thomson
- Mark Brough
- Lisa Creamer
- Allan Campbell, Acting Secretary

Previous minutes

1. The SPCB agreed the minute of the meeting held on 26 September 2024.

Matters arising

2. There were no matters arising.

Officeholders - contingency request – SPCB (2024) Paper 48

3. The SPCB first considered this request at its meeting on 27 June 2024 and deferred making a decision until they had met with the Executive

Director and Accountable Officer of the Scottish Human Rights Commission and discussed the application.

4. Following the discussion, the SPCB agreed to approve contingency funding for 3 temporary posts for one year from 1 November 2024, noting that this would further impact Officeholders contingency funding for the following financial year.

Catering – SPCB (2024) Paper 65

5. The SPCB considered an update on Catering Services and the Garden Level Restaurant Survey undertaken following feedback provided to the catering contract team at a previous SPCB meeting.
6. The SPCB agreed to note the paper and survey findings.

Reimbursement of Members' Expenses Scheme: Disability application – SPCB (2024) Paper 66

7. The SPCB approved an application to meet a Member's staff mileage costs, under the disability provision of the Members Expenses Scheme.

Reimbursement of Members' Expenses Scheme: Exceptional expenses – SPCB (2024) Paper 67

8. The SPCB approved a retrospective application for exceptional expenses for repairs to a Member's constituency office.

Finance and Public Administration Committee report on Scotland's Commissioner Landscape: A Strategic Approach

9. The SPCB agreed a response to the Finance and Public Administration Committee on the Committee's recent report.

Date of next meeting

10. The next meeting of the SPCB was scheduled for 31 October 2024.

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