



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Minute of the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body (SPCB) meeting held on Thursday 14 November 2024 at 9.00am

Present:

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

Apologies:

- Christine Grahame MSP

In attendance:

- David McGill
- Michelle Hegarty
- Becky Thomson, Helen Birrell
- Billy McLaren
- Janice Crerar
- Sara Glass, Beki Stark, Willie Heigh
- Lynsey Hamill, Tommy Lynch
- Eric MacLeod
- Mark Brough
- Lisa Creamer
- Allan Campbell, Acting Secretary

Previous minutes

1. The SPCB agreed the minute of the meeting held on 31 October 2024.

Matters arising

2. The SPCB noted that the following items had been dealt with by correspondence since the previous meeting:

- A memo from David McGill on building closure for the staff day on 9 December 2024.
- SPCB (2024) Paper 72: approved a disability provision request under the Members' Expenses Scheme.

Local office security request – SPCB (2024)

Paper 68

3. The SPCB considered a request for security improvements to a Member's local office and agreed to consider the request further by correspondence.

Replacement Lobbying Register – SPCB (2024)

Paper 69

4. The SPCB considered and agreed the inclusion of a provisional development budget of up to £500,000 in the Parliament's budget proposal for a replacement Lobbying Register, split over budget years 2025-26 and 2026-27.
5. The SPCB further agreed to write to the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee regarding a review of the Lobbying Register.

Officeholder budget bids 25/26 – SPCB (2024)

Paper 70

6. The SPCB considered and agreed the officeholders' budget bids for 2025-26, as well as contingency funding requests and a request to increase part time hours of a member of staff to full time.
7. The SPCB noted the impact of the officeholders' budgets as an increasing percentage of the overall Scottish Parliament budget.

Budget 25/26 – SPCB (2024) Paper 71

8. The SPCB discussed its overall approach to the Budget 25/26 and the indicative Budget 26/27, including indexation options for both 2025-26 and 2026-27, ahead of a finalised budget bid being presented for sign-off later in November.

Building management update

9. The SPCB received an oral update on building management.

Strategic planning for Session 7

10. The SPCB considered an update on strategic planning for Session 7 and agreed to proposals for engaging the SPCB, Members and their staff for input.

Date of next meeting

11. The next meeting of the SPCB was scheduled for 28 November 2024.

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