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**HEALTH, SOCIAL CARE AND SPORT COMMITTEE**

**1<sup>st</sup> Meeting 2021, Session 6**

**CONVENER**

\*Gillian Martin (Aberdeenshire East) (SNP)

**DEPUTY CONVENER**

\*Paul O’Kane (West Scotland) (Lab)

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

\*Stephanie Callaghan (Uddingston and Bellshill) (SNP)

\*Sandesh Gulhane (Glasgow) (Con)

\*Emma Harper (South Scotland) (SNP)

\*Gillian Mackay (Central Scotland) (Green)

\*Carol Mochan (South Scotland) (Lab)

\*David Torrance (Kirkcaldy) (SNP)

\*Evelyn Tweed (Stirling) (SNP)

\*Annie Wells (Glasgow) (Con)

\*attended

**CLERK TO THE COMMITTEE**

Lucy Scharbert

**LOCATION**

Virtual Meeting



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*Tuesday 22 June 2021*

*[David Torrance opened the meeting at 11:15]*

### Interests

**David Torrance (Kirkcaldy) (SNP):** Good morning, colleagues, and welcome to the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee's first meeting in session 6. I am the MSP for Kirkcaldy. As the oldest member of the committee, I have the pleasure of convening this meeting for the first two items of business. I welcome all members, and I look forward to working with you on the committee.

I remind everyone present to switch their mobile phones to silent mode. No apologies have been received.

The first agenda item is for each of us to declare any interests that we have that are relevant to the committee's work. Background information has been provided in paper 1, which is the declaration of interests paper.

I have no relevant interests to declare. I invite each committee member to declare any relevant interests. We will start with Stephanie Callaghan.

I will come back to Stephanie. Does Sandesh Gulhane have any interests to declare?

**Sandesh Gulhane (Glasgow) (Con):** Yes, I have a number of interests to declare. I am a practising doctor, working in general practice and in hospital. I am a member of the British Medical Association, the Royal College of General Practitioners, the Royal College of Surgeons and the Medical and Dental Defence Union of Scotland, and I have spoken on lots of health topics across BBC television and radio and on STV.

**Emma Harper (South Scotland) (SNP):** I remain a registered nurse and am a member of NHS Dumfries and Galloway's vaccination team. I will continue to be available as and if required to support further Covid vaccinations in the upcoming months, and I will update my entry in the register of interests as necessary to declare any income that is derived when that occurs.

**Gillian Mackay (Central Scotland) (Green):** I have no relevant interests to declare.

**Carol Mochan (South Scotland) (Lab):** I have no relevant interests to declare.

**Paul O'Kane (West Scotland) (Lab):** Until 10 May, I was policy and participation manager at Enable Scotland, which is a learning disability charity and social care provider. I am currently a councillor in East Renfrewshire Council and, until 10 June, I was deputy leader of the council and convener for education and equalities. I am also a member of the GMB union.

**Evelyn Tweed (Stirling) (SNP):** I am currently a councillor in Stirling Council, and I am a member of the GMB trade union.

**Annie Wells (Glasgow) (Con):** I have no relevant interests to declare.

**David Torrance:** I come back to Stephanie Callaghan and ask her to declare any relevant interests.

I see that Stephanie has left.

## Convener

11:19

**David Torrance:** We move to agenda item 2. The committee's next task is to choose a convener. The procedure is explained in paper 2.

Parliament has agreed that only members of the Scottish National Party are eligible for nomination as convener of the committee. I invite members of that party to nominate one of their number for the post.

**Emma Harper:** I nominate Gillian Martin.

*Gillian Martin was chosen as convener.*

**David Torrance:** I congratulate Gillian on her appointment and wish her every success as convener of the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee. I am happy to hand over the chair.

**The Convener (Gillian Martin):** Thank you, David, and thank you, colleagues. I am very pleased to be chosen as convener of the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee. I look forward to working with you all.

This is not a declaration of interests of the kind that my colleagues have made, but I should probably put on record that I have a daughter who is a student midwife at the Robert Gordon University and is currently working in placements in health boards across Scotland. It is best that I declare that.

We will be able to go back to Stephanie Callaghan's interests when she has logged in to the meeting again. If people can let me know in the chat box when she is in, we can get that done.

## Deputy Convener

11:20

**The Convener:** Our next task, under agenda item 3, is to choose a deputy convener. The Parliament has agreed that only members of the Scottish Labour Party are eligible for nomination as deputy convener of the committee. I invite members of that party to nominate one of their number for the post.

**Carol Mochan:** I nominate Paul O'Kane.

*Paul O'Kane was chosen as deputy convener.*

**The Convener:** I congratulate Paul O'Kane on his appointment as deputy convener, and I look forward very much to working with him.

## Decision on Taking Business in Private

11:21

**The Convener:** The next item of business is to decide whether to discuss our work programme in private in this meeting and all future meetings. I will assume that everyone agrees to do that unless a member indicates otherwise.

We are agreed.

## Legacy Paper

11:22

**The Convener:** Under agenda item 5, the committee is asked to thank the session 5 Health and Sport Committee for its legacy paper. Are members content to note the paper and to agree to consider it as part of our work programme discussions? We are.

I am just going to see whether we have Stephanie Callaghan back, so that she can make her declaration of interests. I am not seeing that she is here, so we might need to suspend briefly.

We can take her declaration of interests in the private part of the meeting. We will make sure that members of the public will be able to see that.

I close the public part of the meeting.

11:23

*Meeting continued in private until 12:17.*





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