



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

# Conveners group

## Minutes

5<sup>th</sup> Meeting, 2022 (Session 6) Wednesday 25 May 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

Dean Lockhart MSP, Net Zero, Energy & Transport Committee

Gillian Martin MSP, Health, Social Care and Sport Committee (Virtual)

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, Richard Leonard MSP, Audrey Nicoll MSP and Stuart McMillan MSP

1. **Minutes:** The Conveners Group agreed the minutes of the last meeting. The Group also noted the response from the Minister for Parliamentary Business to the Group's letter on timings for lodging of LCMs. The Group also discussed gender balance on committees and agreed to consider it in greater detail at a future meeting
2. **Overview of the new hybrid working system for committee rooms:** The Group received a briefing on the new system that will be used to facilitate hybrid committee meetings.
3. **Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee – inquiry on future Parliamentary procedures and practices:** The Group discussed the

SPPA Committee's inquiry on future Parliamentary procedures and practices and agreed to write to the committee.

4. **Scotland's Futures Forum:** The Group received a briefing on the work of the Forum and the opportunities for collaboration with committees.
5. **Post EU Scrutiny Session 6 Strategic Priority for CG: update from Constitution, External Affairs, Europe and Culture Committee - Parliamentary Partnership Assembly first meeting:** The Group received an update from Clare Adamson MSP, on the first meeting of the Parliamentary Partnership Assembly.
6. **Participation, Diversity and Inclusion Session 6 Strategic Priority for CG: update from Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee – inquiry on citizen participation:** The Group received an update from Jackson Carlaw MSP, on the CPPPC's inquiry on citizen participation.

Date of Next Meeting: 22 June 2022

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