



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Conveners Group

Minutes

5th Meeting, 2025 (Session 6) 24 September 2025

Present:

Liam McArthur MSP, Convener
Karen Adam - Equalities, Human Rights & Civil Justice Committee
Ariane Burgess - Local Government, Housing & Planning Committee
Finlay Carson - Rural Affairs and Islands
Clare Haughey - Health, Social Care & Sport Committee
Richard Leonard - Public Audit Committee
Stuart McMillan - Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee
Edward Mountain - Net Zero, Energy & Transport Committee
Audrey Nicoll - Criminal Justice Committee
Douglas Ross - Education, Children and Young People Committee
Daniel Johnson - Economy & Fair Work Committee
Martin Whitfield - Standards, Procedures & Public Appointments Committee

Apologies were received from:

Clare Adamson – Constitution, Europe, External Affairs & Culture Committee
Jackson Carlaw - Citizen Participation & Public Petitions Committee
Kenneth Gibson – Finance & Public Administration Committee
Collette Stevenson – Social Justice and Social Security Committee

1. **Minutes:** The Conveners Group agreed the minutes of the last meeting.
2. **Climate Change Committee:** The Group heard from Emma Pinchbeck, Chief Executive, and Dr Eoin Devane, Head of Carbon Budgets, Climate Change Committee.

Edward Mountain declared an interest as a partner in a farming business in Speyside with ancillary residential lettings.

3. **Net Zero scrutiny:** The Group considered an update on the implementation of its strategic priority on cross-committee working on Net Zero scrutiny. The Group agreed to recommend to the Standards, Procedures & Public Appointments

Committee that it consider a Standing Orders rule change to require that policy memorandums for a Bill must state the effect, if any, the proposed legislation would have on the Scottish Government's statutory net zero targets.

Date of Next Meeting: 26 November 2025

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