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Dear Convener,

Update on Autumn Budget Revision 2022-23

1. I am writing to provide you with an update on the timetable for the Scottish Government's annual Autumn Budget Revision. The Autumn Budget Revision provides the Scottish Government with its first opportunity to revise the budget allocations set at the 2022-23 Scottish Budget. This includes formally allocating budget for policy measures announced since the start of the financial year.
2. In recent years the Autumn Budget Revision has been laid in parliament in late September. Our intention had been to lay the 2022-23 Autumn Budget Revision in a similar timeframe, however, the unique set of circumstances that have occurred this year has meant that we have sought to delay the process.
3. The uncertainty caused by the Conservative Party leadership election and the announcements in the subsequent UK mini-Budget, reflecting the outcomes of the Scottish Government's own Emergency Budget Review, as well as the period of national mourning, have combined to make the original timeframe unfeasible.
4. As I stated in parliament on Tuesday, the Scottish Government will now set out the full outcomes of the Emergency Budget Review in the week commencing 24th of October.

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5. To ensure that the Autumn Budget Revision is able to reflect the outcomes of the Emergency Budget Review I have chosen to delay laying the Autumn Budget Revision in parliament until **Tuesday 1st of November**.

6. This delay will ensure the Autumn Budget Revision reflects the latest position as we look to provide the Scottish public with as much support as possible in the ongoing cost of living crisis. It will also allow for greater clarity and transparency for the committee, to allow it to properly scrutinise the Autumn Budget Revision.

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