

Re-establishment of the Cross Party Group on Deafness

Tuesday 21 September 2021 at 1.00pm to 1.30pm
Via Zoom (an online video conferencing platform)

Minutes

Present

MSPs

Annabelle Ewing (Scottish National Party)
Colin Beattie (Scottish National Party)
Douglas Lumsden (Scottish Conservative Party)
Mark Griffin (Scottish Labour Party)

Non-MSP Group Members

Derek Todd (The Scottish Sensory Hub, The ALLIANCE)

Language Service Professionals

BSL / English Interpreter – Mark Cross
Electronic Notetaker – Paula McGuire

Apologies

MSPs

Karen Adam (Scottish National Party)
Paul O’Kane (Scottish Labour Party)

Non-MSP Group Members

Janis McDonald (The ALLIANCE)

Agenda item 1

Welcome and Introductions

Colin Beattie MSP welcomed attendees to this re-establishment of the Cross Party Group on Deafness for the new Scottish Parliamentary cycle.

Agenda item 2

Attendance and Apologies noted.

Agenda item 3

Election of Convenor, Vice-Convenor and Secretariat

The following are standing:

Convenor – Colin Beattie MSP (Scottish National Party)

Proposed – Annabelle Ewing MSP

Seconded – Mark Griffin MSP

Vice Convenor – Mark Griffin MSP (Scottish Labour Party)

Proposed – Annabelle Ewing MSP

Seconded – Colin Beattie MSP

Secretariat – Janis McDonald and Derek Todd (The ALLIANCE)

Proposed – Colin Beattie MSP

Seconded – Douglas Lumsden MSP

Agenda item 4

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There were no items for discussion.

Agenda item 5

Date of next meeting

The Convenor and Secretariat will work together on organising future meetings with members. Potentially looking at Tuesday or Wednesday, possibly afternoon or evening. More details will follow in due course.

Agenda item 6

Closing remarks

The Convenor, Colin Beattie MSP thanked everyone for their attendance. The draft registration form text was agreed. This Cross Party Group is up and running and we look forward to seeing everyone at future meetings to carry on from previous successful work.