

# Cross-Party Group on Social Work

30<sup>th</sup> September 2021. 18:00-18:45

## Minutes

## Present

## MSPs

Fulton MacGregor MSP  
Jeremy Balfour MSP

## Non-MSP Group Members

Emily Galloway (British Association of Social Workers)  
Alison Bavidge (British Association of Social Workers)  
Rob Byrne (MSP staff)

## Apologies

Paul O’Kane MSP  
Collette Stevenson MSP  
Emma Harper MSP

## Agenda item 1: Election of a convenor

Attendees nominated Fulton MacGregor to become the convenor of the CPG.

This was proposed by Jeremy Balfour MSP and seconded by Emily Galloway

There were no other candidates nominated.

Fulton MacGregor MSP was duly elected as convenor of the CPG by 4 votes to 0.

## Agenda item 2: Election of a vice-convenor

Attendees nominated Jeremy Balfour MSP to become the vice-convenor of the CPG.

This was proposed by Fulton MacGregor MSP and seconded by Emily Galloway.

Attendees also nominated Paul O’Kane to become the joint vice-convenor of the CPG.

This was proposed by Fulton MacGregor MSP and seconded by Emily Galloway

Jeremy Balfour MSP was duly elected as joint vice-convenor of the CPG by 4 votes to 0.

Paul O’Kane MSP was also elected as joint vice-convenor of the CPG by 4 votes to 0.

### **Agenda item 3: Election of a secretariat**

Attendees nominated Emily Galloway to become the secretary of the CPG.

This was proposed by Fulton MacGregor MSP and seconded by Jeremy Balfour MSP.

There were no other candidates nominated.

Emily Galloway was duly elected as secretary of the CPG by 4 votes to 0.

### **Agenda item 4: Election of a treasurer**

Attendees nominated Alison Bavidge to become the treasurer of the CPG.

This was proposed by Fulton MacGregor MSP and seconded by Jeremy Balfour MSP.

There were no other candidates nominated.

Alison Bavidge was duly elected as treasurer of the CPG by 4 votes to 0.

### **Agenda item 4: AOB**

Attendees acknowledged that the meeting’s main objective was to establish these office bearer roles and that in-depth discussion regarding social work would take place at subsequent meetings.

The group discussed potential topics for future CPGs and agreed that Public perceptions of social work, The National Care Service, Poverty, Drugs deaths, and Self-Directed Support would all be future topics for upcoming meetings.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned by Fulton MacGregor MSP at 18:45.

Fulton MacGregor MSP thanked the group for attending and explained the process of CPG ratification to the group.

It was agreed that the next meeting would take place either before the Christmas recess or early in 2022. It was agreed that the CPG would continue holding remote meetings for the foreseeable future. Fulton MacGregor MSP and Emily Galloway agreed to finalise a date closer to the time.