Minute of the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body (SPCB) meeting held on Thursday 6 August 2020 at 10:30am, via video conference

Present:

- Ken Macintosh MSP (Chair)
- David Stewart MSP
- Ruth Davidson MSP
- Liam McArthur MSP

Apologies:

- Andy Wightman MSP

In attendance:

- Michelle Hegarty
- Lynsey Hamill
- Tracey White
- Catherine Fergusson
- Andrew MacGregor
- Joanne McNaughton
- Huw Williams
- Linda Peters
- Judith Proudfoot, Secretary

Remote voting

1. The SPCB noted an update on progress with developing a new remote voting system. Testing had gone well and guidance had been prepared for MSPs. Following discussion, the SPCB agreed that the new system should be introduced when Parliament resumed business the following week. The Presiding Officer would update the Business Bureau and seek agreement later that day.

Access arrangements - update

2. Following the First Minister's latest statement, the SPCB noted that Scotland was still in Phase 3 of the Scottish Government's roadmap, with working from home, where possible, still the default position. Access to Holyrood would continue to be restricted to business days other than in exceptional circumstances. A further

update on access arrangements would be issued to all building users the next day (Friday 7 August).

3. The next Scottish Government review was scheduled for 30 August. Officials would continue to monitor guidance issued by the Scottish Government and update the SPCB accordingly.

Date of next meeting

4. The next meeting of the SPCB was scheduled for Thursday 3 September 2020 although additional meetings may be arranged in the interim should the need arise.