

Tuesday 23 November 2021

# Business Bulletin

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The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## Today's Business

### Meeting of the Parliament

**2:00 pm** Time for Reflection: Rev Raheel Arif, Minister, Denny Old and Haggs Parishes, Falkirk

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**followed by** Topical Questions

**followed by** First Minister's Statement: COVID-19 Update

**followed by** Urgent Question: Paul Sweeney - To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to reports, following comments made by the Home Secretary in the House of Commons, that local authorities across the UK, including Scotland, will be obliged to accommodate the increasing number of unaccompanied children refugees crossing the English Channel.

**followed by** Ministerial Statement: International Development COVID-19 Support – Partner Countries and Humanitarian Responses

**followed by** Ministerial Statement: Closing the Poverty Related Attainment Gap – The Future of the Scottish Attainment Challenge

**followed by** Ministerial Statement: Scottish Government Response to the Report of the Citizens' Assembly of Scotland

**followed by** Committee Announcement: Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee: Inquiry into the use of made affirmative procedure during the coronavirus pandemic

**followed by** Business Motions

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**5:00 pm** Decision Time

**followed by** Members' Business — S6M-01310 Foysol Choudhury: Linking Food and Climate Change at COP26

## Committee Meetings

**9:00am** Health, Social Care and Sport Committee

**9:00am** Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee

**9:45am** Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee

**10:00am** Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

**10:00am** Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee

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**1. Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what support it is giving to NHS boards that are under pressure. ([S6T-00301](#))

**2. Martin Whitfield:** To ask the Scottish Government how many schools are currently shut due to staff shortages resulting from COVID-19 cases. ([S6T-00296](#))

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**5:00 pm Decision Time**

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**Debate on the subject of—**

**[S6M-01310](#) Foysoil Choudhury: Linking Food and Climate Change at COP26**—That the Parliament considers that COP26 is a key opportunity for placing food and local action at the heart of the response to the climate emergency; notes the Glasgow Food and Climate Declaration from the partners, Nourish Scotland and IPES-Food, which is a commitment by subnational governments to tackle the climate emergency through integrated food policies and a call on national governments to act; commends those local authorities in Scotland that have signed the Glasgow Declaration to date, including the City of Edinburgh Council; believes that a resilient food system approach would target all the sustainable development goals to accelerate climate action while delivering many co-benefits, including the promotion of biodiversity, ecosystem regeneration and resilience, circularity, equity, access to healthy and sustainable diets for all, and the creation of resilient livelihoods for farm and food workers; understands that global food systems account for one third of emissions and are at the heart of many major challenges today, including biodiversity loss and enduring hunger and malnutrition; celebrates the significant signatories from five continents that have already made their commitment to accelerating climate action via local food system transformation, and considers that the road from the Paris Agreement to COP26 has to go through the farm gate.

## Committee Meetings

All meetings take place in the Scottish Parliament, unless otherwise specified.

### Health, Social Care and Sport Committee 12th Meeting, 2021

The Committee will meet at 9:00 am in TG.60-CR3 The Fleming Room

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 3 in private.
2. **Data and digital services in health and social care:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Scott Heald, Interim Director for Data Driven Innovation and Head of Profession for Statistics, Public Health Scotland;  
Ed Humpherson, Head of Office, Office for Statistics Regulation;  
and then from—  
Martyn Wallace, Chief Digital Officer, Local Government Digital Office;  
Christopher Wroath, Director, NES Technology;  
Jim Miller, Chief Executive, NHS24;  
Chaloner Chute, Chief Technology Officer, The Digital Health & Care Institute;  
Chris Mackie, Digital Hub and ALISS Programme Manager, The Health and Social Care Alliance;  
Dr Steve Baguley, Clinical Director for eHealth, NHS Grampian and Chair, Clinical eHealth Leads, Scotland.
3. **Data and digital services in health and social care:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 2.

### Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee 12th Meeting, 2021

The Committee will meet at 9:00 am in T4.60-CR6 The Livingstone Room

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 6 in private.
2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Scottish Dog Control Database Order 2021 from—  
Ash Regan, Minister for Community Safety, Jim Wilson, Licensing Team Leader, and Louise Miller, Solicitor, Scottish Government.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** Ash Regan, Minister for Community Safety, to move—  
S6M-01888—That the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee recommends the Scottish Dog Control Database Order 2021 be approved.
4. **Understanding Barriers to Local Elected Office:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Councillor Alison Evison, President, and Alexis Camble, Policy and Participation Officer, Equalities, COSLA;  
Sarah Gadsen, Chief Executive, Improvement Service;  
Laura Hutchison, Principal, Compliance Team Scotland, Equality and Human Rights Commission Scotland;  
and then from—  
Jessie Duncan, Development Officer, Engender;  
Alys Mumford, Steering Group Member and Chair, Women 50:50;  
Councillor Soryia Siddique, Councillor, Elect Her;

Ethan Young, Civic Participation Manager, Inclusion Scotland;  
Councillor Junaid Ashraf, Community Engagement Officer, Council of Ethnic Minority  
Voluntary Organisations Scotland;

and then from—

James Kelly, General Secretary, Scottish Labour Party;  
Councillor Louise McAllister, Ellon and District;  
Roslyn MacPherson, former council candidate in the Western Isles;  
Councillor Kelly Parry, Local Government Convener, Scottish National Party;  
Sheila Ritchie, Convener, Scottish Liberal Democrats;  
Councillor Cameron Rose, Southside/Newington.

5. **Continuity Act - draft policy statement and draft annual report:** The Committee will consider the draft policy statement and draft annual report.
6. **Understanding Barriers to Local Elected Office:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier in the meeting.

### Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee 9th Meeting, 2021

The Committee will meet at 9:45 am in T1.60-CR4 The Clerk Maxwell Room

1. **Petition PE1817 End Conversion Therapy (in private):** The Committee will hear video testimonies from survivors of conversion therapy.
2. **Miners' Strike (Pardons) (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will receive a briefing from the Scottish Parliament's Legislation Team.
3. **Miners' Strike (Pardons) (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will receive a briefing from the Scottish Government's Bill Team.
4. **Petition PE1817 End Conversion Therapy (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard under agenda item 1.

### Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee 11th Meeting, 2021

The Committee will meet at 10:00 am in T1.40-CR5 The Smith Room

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 4 and 5 in private.
2. **Instruments subject to affirmative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—  
[Best Start Grants and Scottish Child Payment \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) Regulations 2021](#) (SSI 2021/Draft)
3. **Instruments subject to negative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—  
[Ethical Standards in Public Life etc. \(Scotland\) Act 2000 \(Register of Interests\) Amendment Regulations 2021](#) (SSI 2021/397)  
[Diligence against Earnings \(Variation\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2021](#) (SSI 2021/409)  
[Environmental Protection \(Single-use Plastic Products\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2021](#) (SSI 2021/410)  
[Town and Country Planning \(General Permitted Development\) \(Coronavirus\) \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 2\) Order 2021](#) (SSI 2021/411)  
[Water Environment \(Controlled Activities\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2021](#) (SSI 2021/412)
4. **Coronavirus (Discretionary Compensation for Self-isolation) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the delegated powers provisions in this Bill at Stage 1.

5. **Quarterly Report:** The Committee will consider a draft report for the parliamentary quarter from 13 May to 22 September 2021.

### **Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee 11th Meeting, 2021**

The Committee will meet at 10:00 am in T4.40-CR2 The Fairfax Somerville Room

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 3 in private.
2. **COP26 outcomes:** The Committee will take evidence on the outcomes of the Conference of the Parties in Glasgow and its implications for Scotland's climate change policies from—  
Professor Dave Reay, Executive Director, Edinburgh Climate Change Institute;  
Mike Robinson, Chief Executive, Royal Scottish Geographical Society;  
and then from—  
Teresa Anderson, Climate Policy Coordinator, ActionAid International;  
Mary Church, Head of campaigns, Friends of the Earth Scotland;  
Jess Pepper, founding director of the Climate Café.
3. **COP26 outcomes:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 2.

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