

Chain 1: RE: Committee Sub

From: , Public Audit <publicaudit.committee@Parliament.Scot>

Sent on: , Wednesday, April 19, 2023 3:07:12 PM

To: , [MSP Staff]

CC: , [Redacted]

Subject: , RE: Committee Sub

Hi [Redacted]

Thank you for confirming.

Kind regards

[Redacted]

From: [MSP Staff]

Sent: 19 April 2023 15:53

To: Public Audit <publicaudit.committee@Parliament.Scot>

Subject: Committee Sub

Good afternoon,

Bill Kidd will be substituting for Colin Beattie tomorrow.

Kind regards,

[Redacted]

Chain 2: Fwd: SNP treasurer steps down from role after arrest

From: [Clerks]

Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 5:15 PM

To: [Clerks]

Subject: Fwd: SNP treasurer steps down from role after arrest

FYI

From: [PCO]

Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 5:06 PM

To: [Redacted]

Subject: Fwd: SNP treasurer steps down from role after arrest

[Redacted] - for info re Audit Committee and SCPA. Press Assoc says he will be "stepping back" from Audit Committee, and will decide re SCPA closer to its next meeting. [Redacted]

From: PA Media

Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 4:59 pm

To: [PCO]

Subject: SNP treasurer steps down from role after arrest

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SNP MSP Colin Beattie will step down as the party's treasurer after he was arrested in connection with a police investigation into the party's finances, he has said.

POLITICS SNPP

SNP treasurer steps down from role after arrest

By PA Scotland reporters

16:59 - 19 Apr 2023

SNP MSP Colin Beattie will step down as the party's treasurer after he was arrested in connection with a police investigation into the party's finances, he has said.

In a statement released through the party, Mr Beattie also confirmed he will be "stepping back" from his role on Holyrood's Public Audit Committee until the probe has concluded.

He said: "This afternoon I informed the party leader that I will be stepping back from my role as SNP national treasurer with immediate effect.

"I have also informed the SNP chief whip at Holyrood that I will be stepping back from my role on the Public Audit Committee until the police investigation has concluded.

"On a personal level, this decision has not been easy, but it is the right decision to avoid further distraction to the important work being led by Humza Yousaf to improve the SNP's governance and transparency.

"I will continue to co-operate fully with Police Scotland's inquiries and it would be inappropriate for me to comment any further on a live case."

Mr Beattie was arrested on Tuesday before later being released without charge "pending further investigation"

.He also sits on the Scottish Commission for Public Audit – a body which scrutinises watchdog Audit Scotland and, among other responsibilities, is tasked with "appointing a qualified person to audit the accounts of Audit Scotland".

It is understood a decision on his membership of the body will be made closer to its next meeting.

The decision on his role as treasurer comes in the hours after Deputy First Minister Shona Robison said it is "frustrating" the controversy around the SNP has overshadowed First Minister Mr Yousaf's first major parliamentary speech, as she urged the party to get its "house in order".

Mr Beattie's arrest came on the same day as the First Minister aimed to set out a "fresh start" as he detailed the Scottish Government's priorities for the next three years.

Mr Yousaf also confirmed delays to the introduction of the National Care Service and the deposit return scheme.

As Police Scotland investigate how more than £600,000 of SNP donations earmarked for independence campaigning was spent, Ms Robison said she hopes her Government can move on to focusing on issues that matter to the public.

During a visit to Dear Green Coffee Roasters in Glasgow on Wednesday, she said: “Of course it is frustrating that we are not able to talk as much as we would like about the priorities that were set out in the prospectus yesterday, and I think households and people who are struggling with inflation figures today, who are struggling with the cost of things... will want to know what we as a Government are doing.

“Although the public will expect the SNP to get its own house in order, they also expect us as a Government to help their households with the cost-of-living pressures.”

Earlier this month, former party chief executive Peter Murrell was arrested and questioned for more than 11 hours before being released pending further investigation.

Speaking on BBC Radio Scotland’s Good Morning Scotland programme earlier on Wednesday, Ms Robison said decisive action is “absolutely critical” and that going forward the governance of the party needs to be “absolutely about transparency, openness”.

She declined to comment on whether former first minister Nicola Sturgeon might be arrested, but said she does not know if the ex-leader has spoken to police.

Ms Robison said: “We need to wait for the facts to be established, whether that’s through the ongoing police investigation and of course the review about how the party is managed, and that of course is really, really important not just to reassure party members, but it is important that the public expect us to get our own house in order, while also focusing as a Government on supporting their households through the cost-of-living crisis.”

Defeated SNP leadership candidate Kate Forbes, meanwhile, told BBC Radio 4 that claims about the party’s finances had been “mind-blowing” and “decisive and quick action” is needed or the SNP will be in trouble.

Ms Robison told BBC Scotland: “On the decisive action, it is absolutely critical, Kate Forbes is right, and that’s why of course Humza Yousaf has taken that decisive action by talking about that need for a fresh approach to governance within the party.”

Scottish Conservative chairman Craig Hoy said Ms Robison is “living on a different planet” to suggest the First Minister has taken “decisive action”.

He said: “Nobody can say with any credibility that Humza Yousaf is unaccountable for what happened in the past. He made it clear he is the continuity candidate and wanted to carry on the work of Nicola Sturgeon.

“The SNP are in complete meltdown and totally distracted from Scotland’s real priorities. Only the Scottish Conservatives are focused on those real priorities, like the cost-of-living crisis, fixing our NHS and strengthening the economy.”

Scottish Liberal Democrat leader Alex Cole-Hamilton said: “We are in the ridiculous situation where the First Minister cannot categorically state that his party isn’t a criminal organisation.

“It’s hard to get your house in order when it’s been blown to smithereens.”

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Chain 3: RE: Thursday meeting

From: Public Audit <publicaudit.committee@Parliament.Scot>

Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 3:38:46 PM

To: Mackay R (Rona), MSP <Rona.Mackay.msp@parliament.scot>

Cc: [Redacted]

Subject: RE: Thursday meeting

Dear Rona

Thank you for confirmation on Bill Kidd's attendance tomorrow and just to confirm the meeting papers have been sent to him.

Kind regards

[Redacted]

From: Mackay R (Rona), MSP <Rona.Mackay.msp@parliament.scot>

Sent: 19 April 2023 15:17

To: Public Audit <publicaudit.committee@Parliament.Scot>

Subject: Thursday meeting

Dear Clerks,

Not sure if you are aware, but Bill Kidd will be subbing for Colin Beattie tomorrow. Could he be sent the papers please?

Many thanks,

Rona

Rona Mackay MSP

Member of Parliament for the Strathkelvin and Bearsden Constituency

Parliament Office: M3.02, The Scottish Parliament, Edinburgh, EH99 1SP

Constituency Office: 18a Townhead, Kirkintilloch, G66 1NL

Chain 4(a): RE: Colin Beattie / issue with committee webpages

From: [Clerk]

Sent: Friday 21 April, 2023 13:38

To: [Clerk]

Subject: RE: Colin Beattie / issue with committee webpages

Thanks [Redacted]. I expect the response to the complainer is to refer them to relevant SO rules on membership and the circumstances in which a member is no longer a member of a committee.

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Friday, April 21, 2023 1:19 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: FW: Colin Beattie / issue with committee webpages

Per Teams message – [Redacted] is aware of the SO rules re: the process for removing a committee member.

From: [PCO]
Sent: 21 April 2023 12:35
To: [Clerks]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Colin Beattie / issue with committee webpages

Brilliant, thanks [Redacted].

[Redacted]

From: [Clerks]
Sent: 21 April 2023 12:12
To: [PCO]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Colin Beattie / issue with committee webpages

Hi [Redacted],

No resignation has been submitted to the Presiding Officer so he remains a member of the Public Audit Committee.

Thanks,

[Redacted]

From: [PCO]
Sent: 21 April 2023 12:10
To: [Clerks]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: FW: Colin Beattie / issue with committee webpages

Hi [Redacted]

To see the exchange below.

Before I go back to Public Info, checking that we definitely had a formal resignation from Colin?

[Redacted]

From: [PCO]
Sent: 21 April 2023 12:00
To: Parliament Communications Office <communications@parliament.scot>
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Colin Beattie / issue with committee webpages

Hi [Redacted] - I don't think CB has actually resigned from the Public Audit Committee. He said he was "stepping back" which is non-specific. Webteam can advise re that broken link,

and the Public Audit Committee clerks can advise [Redacted] on how best to respond re CB's status. (copying [Redacted] for info) [Redacted]

From: Parliament Communications Office <communications@parliament.scot>
Sent: Friday, April 21, 2023 11:47 AM
To: [PCO]
Subject: FW: Colin Beattie / issue with committee webpages

Hi [Redacted],

Can you help with this one please? I'll ask Webteam to help with the website issue.

Thanks, [Redacted]

From: [Public Information]
Sent: 21 April 2023 11:26
To: Parliament Communications Office <communications@parliament.scot>; Webteam <Webteam@parliament.scot>
Subject: Colin Beattie / issue with committee webpages

Good morning,

We've had a query from someone wanting to complain that Colin Beattie has not been removed from the Public Audit Committee.

Do you have any cleared lines for responding to queries about CB and what the Parliament can do?

Incidentally, when checking CB's current committee membership, we noticed that links from his MSP page to committees returns an error message – also an issue with links from other MSPs' pages and direct:



Do you know how long it may take to fix the error?

Thanks

[Redacted]

Chain 4(b): RE: Colin Beattie / issue with committee webpages

From: Parliament Communications Office <communications@parliament.scot>
Sent on: Friday, April 21, 2023 12:42:02 PM
To: [Public Information]
Subject: RE: Colin Beattie / issue with committee webpages

Hi [Redacted],

In regards to this all we have been doing is pointing to the Standard Orders.

Thanks,

[Redacted]

From: [Public Information]

Sent: 21 April 2023 13:30

To: Parliament Communications Office <communications@parliament.scot>

Subject: RE: Colin Beattie / issue with committee webpages

Hi [Redacted],

Thanks for getting clarification on CB's current status on the PA Committee.

Is there any agreed wording around what the procedures would be for the Parliament to remove him if he doesn't resign or is it a case of just pointing to rule 6.3.5 of SO for the rules around committee membership?

Thanks

[Redacted]

From: Parliament Communications Office <communications@parliament.scot>

Sent: 21 April 2023 13:12

To: [Public Information]

Subject: RE: Colin Beattie / issue with committee webpages

Hi [Redacted],

[Redacted] in our team has spoken to the committee clerks who have confirmed that there has been no resignation, so Colin Beattie remains a member of the Committee.

Thanks,

[Redacted]

Chain 5: Convener's Brief 27 April 2023.docx

From: [Clerks]

Sent: Tuesday 25/04/2023 10:38

To: Richard Leonard MSP, [Redacted]

Subject: RE: Colin Beattie / issue with committee webpages

Hi Richard,

Please find attached the Convener's Brief for the meeting on Thursday. We have received apologies from Colin Beattie.

See you at 4pm today.

Thanks,

[Redacted]

Chain 6: RE: Public Audit Committee - Meeting Papers PRIVATE 27 April 2023

From: [Clerk]

Sent: 25 April 2023 17:37

To: [Clerk]

Subject: RE: Public Audit Committee - Meeting Papers PRIVATE 27 April 2023

Dear [Redacted],

Thank you for advising that Bill Kidd will be substituting for Colin Beattie at the Public Audit Committee meeting on 27 April. Please be advised that the papers have been forwarded on accordingly.

I thought it may be helpful to draw your attention to Parliament's Guidance on Committees which provides information on how members should provide notification of their intention to send a substitute committee member. Paragraph 2.62 states—

“2.62 It is important to note that a committee substitute is entitled to attend only where the member cannot attend for one of the reasons specified (in Rule 12.2A.1); having a member on a committee and a substitute does not give a party the right to decide which of them attends on a particular occasion. It is good practice for members to notify the convener in writing (copying in the clerk) of their intention to send a substitute, and their reason for doing so. This should prompt the member to consider why they are sending a substitute, as well as assisting the convener in the management of the meeting”.

I also thought it may be helpful to set out Rule 12.2A.1 of Standing Orders, as referred to above—

“Rule 12.2A Participation by substitutes

1. Where a committee member—

(a) is unavailable for a committee meeting (or any committee activity taking place other than at a meeting) because of illness, family circumstances, adverse travel conditions beyond the member's control, a requirement to attend to other Parliamentary business or urgent constituency business”

In line with the guidance, papers are issued to a substitute member by the clerks once apologies have been received on a meeting by meeting basis.

I hope this helps to clarify the Parliament's guidance on the procedure for notifying a members intention to send a substitute to a committee meeting and how the clerks issue papers to a substitute member.

Kind regards,

[Redacted]

From: [Clerks]

Sent: 25 April 2023 09:22

To: [MSP Staff]

Cc: [Redacted]

Subject: RE: Public Audit Committee - Meeting Papers PRIVATE 27 April 2023

Hi [Redacted]

Confirming receipt, thank you.

Kind regards

[Redacted]

From: [MSP Staff]

Sent: 25 April 2023 09:20

To: [Clerks]

Subject: RE: Public Audit Committee - Meeting Papers PRIVATE 27 April 2023

Good morning [Redacted]

I'm writing to ensure these papers are also going to Bill Kidd MSP who is replacing Colin on PAC for the time being?

Kind regards,

[Redacted]

From: [Clerk]

Sent: 24 April 2023 14:29

To: DL MSPs Public Audit; [Redacted]

Subject: Public Audit Committee - Meeting Papers PRIVATE 27 April 2023

Dear Members

Please find attached the Public Audit Committee meeting papers for Thursday, 27 April 2023.

The pre-brief begins at 8:30am in CR.4 and the meeting starts at 9:00am as usual.

If you wish to attend the meeting virtually, please let me know as soon as possible to allow time to make the necessary arrangements

Kind regards

[Redacted]

Chain 7: RE: Public Audit Committee - Colin Beattie MSP

From: Public Audit <publicaudit.committee@Parliament.Scot>

Sent: 28 April 2023 09:23

To: [MSP Staff]

Cc: [Redacted]

Subject: RE: Public Audit Committee - Colin Beattie MSP

Good Morning [Redacted]

Confirming receipt.

Kind regards

[Redacted]

From: [MSP Staff]
Sent: 28 April 2023 09:01
To: Public Audit <publicaudit.committee@Parliament.Scot>
Subject: Public Audit Committee - Colin Beattie MSP

Good morning

Colin will not be attending Public Audit Committee on Thursday. Please can you send the papers to Bill Kidd MSP who will be subbing for him. Please can you also confirm that this has been received?

Kind regards

[Redacted]

Chain 8: PAC information

From:[Clerk]
Sent: 28 April 2023 10:07
To: Leonard R (Richard), MSP <Richard.Leonard.msp@parliament.scot>
Subject: PAC information

Good morning Richard,

A short e mail to advise that Colin Beattie's office has been in touch to let us know that he will not be attending the Public Audit Committee next Thursday, 4 May.

Let me know what your preference is for a Convener/clerks meeting next week and I'll set something up.

Many thanks,

[Redacted]

Chain 9: Letter to Public Audit Convener

Convener

Public Audit Committee

The Scottish Parliament

BY EMAIL

3 May 2023

Dear Mr Leonard,

I am writing to inform you that I have stepped back from Public Audit Committee for the time being. My colleague, Bill Kidd MSP, will be serving as my substitute until I return.

Yours sincerely,

Colin Beattie

MSP Midlothian North & Musselburgh

Chain 10: RE: Public Audit Committee - Meeting Papers PRIVATE 27 April 2023

From: [Clerk]

Sent: 03 May 2023 16:55

To: [MSP Staff]

Subject: RE: Public Audit Committee - Meeting Papers PRIVATE 27 April 2023

Dear [Redacted],

Thank you for your e mail. Following an e mail received from Colin Beattie's office manager last week confirming that he would not be attending the Public Audit Committee meeting on 4 May, arrangements were put in place to ensure Bill Kidd received the papers for the meeting, which were issued to all Members, including Mr Kidd on Tuesday 2 May.

As I mentioned in my previous e mail, papers are issued to a substitute member once apologies have been received on a meeting by meeting basis. The Guidance on Committee's referred to below provides information on good practice in relation to how Members can provide notification of their intention to send a substitute.

Kind regards,

[Redacted]

From: [MSP Staff]

Sent: 03 May 2023 15:36

To: [Clerk]

Subject: RE: Public Audit Committee - Meeting Papers PRIVATE 27 April 2023

Hi [Redacted],

Will this be required every week? Bill's team are unsure if he has received this week's papers.

Kind regards,

[Redacted]

From: [Clerk]

Sent: Tuesday, April 25, 2023 5:55 PM

To: [MSP Staff]

Subject: RE: Public Audit Committee - Meeting Papers PRIVATE 27 April 2023

Dear [Redacted],

Thank you for advising that Bill Kidd will be substituting for Colin Beattie at the Public Audit Committee meeting on 27 April. Please be advised that the papers have been forwarded on accordingly.

I thought it may be helpful to draw your attention to Parliament's [Guidance on Committees](#) which sets out at paragraph 2.62 that—*It is good practice for members to notify the convener in writing (copying in the clerk) of their intention to send a substitute, and their reason for doing so. This should prompt the member to consider why they are sending a substitute, as well as assisting the convener in the management of the meeting*".

In line with the guidance, papers are therefore issued to a substitute member by the clerks once apologies have been received on a meeting by meeting basis.

The Guidance on Committees (2.59-2.61) also provides further information on the Standing Orders Rules (12.2A.1) regarding the circumstances in which a substitute may participate in a Committee meeting, in case this is also helpful.

Kind regards,

[Redacted]

From: [Clerk]

Sent: 25 April 2023 09:22

To: [MSP Staff]

Cc: [Redacted]

Subject: RE: Public Audit Committee - Meeting Papers PRIVATE 27 April 2023

Hi [Redacted]

Confirming receipt, thank you.

Kind regards

[Redacted]

From: [MSP Staff]

Sent: 25 April 2023 09:20

To: [Clerk]

Subject: RE: Public Audit Committee - Meeting Papers PRIVATE 27 April 2023

Good morning [Redacted],

I'm writing to ensure these papers are also going to Bill Kidd MSP who is replacing Colin on PAC for the time being?

Kind regards,

[Redacted]

From: [Clerk]

Sent: 24 April 2023 14:29

To: [DL MSPs Public Audit](#); [Redacted]

Subject: Public Audit Committee - Meeting Papers PRIVATE 27 April 2023

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If you wish to attend the meeting virtually, please let me know **as soon as possible** to allow time to make the necessary arrangements

Kind regards

[Redacted]

Chain 11: RE: Letter to Public Audit Convener

Dear Colin,

Please find attached correspondence from the Convener of the Public Audit Committee.

Kind regards,

[Redacted]

ATTACHMENT:

Colin Beattie MSP

By email only

Public Audit Committee

Room T3.60

The Scottish Parliament

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5 May 2023

Dear Colin,

Thank you for your recent letter informing me of your intention to step back from the Public Audit Committee for the time being, and that Bill Kidd MSP will attend as substitute in your absence.

I wanted to draw your attention to Rule 12.2A of Standing Orders on Participation by Substitutes, which sets out the circumstances in which substitutes can participate in a Committee meeting. It states that—

1. Where a committee member—

(a) is unavailable for a committee meeting (or any committee activity taking place other than at a meeting) because of illness, family circumstances, adverse travel conditions beyond the member's control, a requirement to attend to other Parliamentary business or urgent constituency business; or

(b) has ceased to hold that office and a replacement committee member has yet to be appointed,

a committee substitute from the same political party may, subject to Rule 9.13A and Rule 12.2ZA, participate in place of that member.

You may also find it helpful to refer to the Parliament's Guidance on Committees, which provides additional information in paragraphs 2.57 to 2.68 on how the Standing Orders operate in practice. In particular, paragraph 2.62 states—

"It is important to note that a committee substitute is entitled to attend only where the member cannot attend for one of the reasons specified (in Rule 12.2A.1); having a member on a committee and a substitute does not give a party the right to decide which of them attends on a particular occasion. It is good practice for members to notify the convener in writing (copying in the clerk) of their intention to send a substitute, and their reason for doing so. This should prompt the member to consider why they are sending a substitute, as well as assisting the convener in the management of the meeting".

I would therefore ask that you continue to notify the clerks of your intention to send a substitute to the Public Audit Committee on a meeting-by-meeting basis in line with the Standing Orders and Guidance, specifying the reason under Rule 12.2A.1. This approach ensures that committee papers are shared with the substitute member in a timely manner and will help to facilitate the smooth running of Committee meetings.

Yours sincerely,

Richard Leonard MSP,

Convener

From: [MSP Staff]

Sent: 03 May 2023 14:39

To: Leonard R (Richard), MSP <Richard.Leonard.msp@parliament.scot>

Cc: Public Audit <publicaudit.committee@Parliament.Scot>

Subject: Letter to Public Audit Convener

Good Afternoon Mr Leonard,

Please find attached a letter from Colin Beattie MSP.

Kind regards,

[Redacted]

Chain 12: PAC correspondence

From: [Clerk]
Sent: 05 May 2023 16:09
To: [PCO]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: PAC correspondence

Hi both,

To keep you in the loop, the PAC convener received a letter from Colin Beattie on Wednesday re: his decision to step back from the Committee for the time being and to confirm that Bill Kidd would be substituting for him.

The Convener has responded to this letter today. I attach copies of both letters for awareness. We do not intend to publish the correspondence and therefore the letters should be treated in confidence.

Thanks,

[Redacted]

[ATTACHMENTS provided in chains 9 and 11]

Chain 13: PAC Thursday 11 May

From: [MSP Staff]
Sent: 10 May 2023 14:55
To: Leonard R (Richard), MSP <Richard.Leonard.msp@parliament.scot>; Public Audit <publicaudit.committee@Parliament.Scot>
Subject: PAC Thursday 11 May

Good Afternoon,

This email is to advise Colin will not be attending Committee tomorrow due to illness. Bill Kidd will be substituting.

Kind regards,

[Redacted]

Chain 14: RE: PAC Thursday 11 May

From: [MSP Staff]
Sent: 18 May 2023 09:45
To: Public Audit <publicaudit.committee@Parliament.Scot>
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: PAC Thursday 11 May

Good morning [Redacted]

Colin is not in attendance this morning due to ill health, and will not now be joining remotely. My understanding is that the SNP Whips were to have advised you of this last night, which I am sorry does not seem to be the case.

Please accept our apologies for this oversight.

Please can I request that future correspondence is directed to myself or Colin, as [Redacted].

Kind regards

[Redacted]

From: [MSP Staff]
Sent: 18 May 2023 09:07
To: Public Audit <publicaudit.committee@Parliament.Scot>
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: PAC Thursday 11 May

Hi [Redacted],

I believe Colin is joining remotely and haven't heard otherwise.

Kind regards,

[Redacted]

From: Public Audit <publicaudit.committee@Parliament.Scot>
Sent: Thursday, May 18, 2023 8:36 AM
To: [MSP Staff]
Subject: RE: PAC Thursday 11 May

Hi [Redacted]

Do you know if Colin is joining the meeting this morning?

Kind regards

[Redacted]

From: [MSP Staff]
Sent: 10 May 2023 14:55
To: Leonard R (Richard), MSP <Richard.Leonard.msp@parliament.scot>; Public Audit <publicaudit.committee@Parliament.Scot>

Subject: PAC Thursday 11 May

Good Afternoon,

This email is to advise Colin will not be attending Committee tomorrow due to illness. Bill Kidd will be substituting.

Kind regards,

[Redacted]

Chain 15: RE: Thursday's Meeting

From: Beattie C (Colin), MSP <Colin.Beattie.msp@parliament.scot>
Sent: 30 May 2023 09:31
To: [Clerk]
Subject: RE: Thursday's Meeting

Apologies [Redacted] but I won't make this meeting – keen as I am to get back in harness.

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

Chain 16: PAC Meeting 1 June 2023

From: [MSP Staff]
Sent: 31 May 2023 10:35
To: Public Audit <publicaudit.committee@Parliament.Scot>
Subject: PAC Meeting 1 June 2023

Good morning

Colin will not be attending committee tomorrow due to ill health, and Bill Kidd will standing in for him. Bill has the papers and timings.

Please let me know if you require anything further.

Kind regards

[Redacted]

Chain 17: RE: Public Audit Committee - 8 June 2023

From: Public Audit
Sent: 07 June 2023 15:26
To: [MSP Staff]
Subject: RE: Public Audit Committee - 8 June 2023

Hi [Redacted]

Thanks for confirming.

Kind regards

[Redacted]

From: [MSP Staff]
Sent: 07 June 2023 15:20
To: Public Audit <publicaudit.committee@Parliament.Scot>
Subject: Public Audit Committee - 8 June 2023

Good afternoon

Colin will not be attending Committee tomorrow due to illness. No sub will be there in his place this week, and he sends his apologies.

Kind regards

[Redacted]

Chain 18: Public Audit Committee - 15 June 2023

From: [MSP Staff]

Sent: 13 June 2023 10:36

To: Public Audit <publicaudit.committee@Parliament.Scot>

Cc: [Redacted]

Subject: Public Audit Committee - 15 June 2023

Good morning

Just confirming Colin will not be attending committee this week due to illness.

Please note, [Redacted] (in copy) is now authorised as a delegated person for Colin, along with myself. He will pick up future correspondence so please can you update your records accordingly. Please keep me in copy.

Kind regards

[Redacted]

Chain 19: RE: PAC 5th October

From: [Clerk]

Sent on:, Monday, September 25, 2023 11:35:39 AM

To: [MSP Staff]

CC:, [Redacted]

Subject:, RE: PAC 5th October

Hi [Redacted],

Thanks for letting us know. We'll advise the Convener that Colin will be absent for part of the Public Audit Committee meeting on 5/12.

Thanks,

[Redacted]

From: [MSP Staff]

Sent: 25 September 2023 11:41

To: [Clerk]

Cc: [Redacted]

Subject: RE: PAC 5th October

Hi [Redacted]

I would like to advise you that Colin will be attending the SSPA Committee meeting on the 5 October between approximately 0945 and 1030.

This is in relation to the approval of the CPG on Ukraine.

This will mean he will be absent from PAC over this time period, but will plan to attend the meeting around this commitment..

Kind regards

[Redacted]

From: [Clerk]

Sent: 21 September 2023 08:18

To: [MSP Staff]

Cc: [Redacted]

Subject: RE: PAC 5th October

Hi [Redacted],

Thanks for your e mail. It might be helpful to know that the Public Audit Committee does not consider legislation, so no bills will ever be considered by the Committee, either at stage 1 or stage 2.

At its meeting on 5 October, the Public Audit Committee will consider the Auditor General for Scotland's report, Early learning and childcare: Progress on delivery of the 1,140 hours expansion, taking evidence from the Director-General Education and Justice and COSLA.

Should Colin be unable to attend the meeting on 5 October, we would be grateful if you could let the clerks know as soon as you're able to.

Thanks,

[Redacted]

From: [MSP Staff]

Sent: 20 September 2023 13:19

To: [Clerk]

Subject: PAC 5th October

Good afternoon [Redacted]

Colin would like to check that there is no Stage 1 or 2 agenda items on the 5th of October. He may have a conflict on this date. Would that be OK to confirm?

[Redacted]

Kind regards

[Redacted]