



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

# Conveners group

## Minutes

1<sup>st</sup> Meeting, 2022 (Session 6) Wednesday 26 January 2022

Present:

Liam McArthur MSP, Convener

Clare Adamson MSP, Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee

Claire Baker MSP, Economy and Fair Work Committee

Siobhan Brown MSP, COVID-19 Recovery Committee (virtual)

Ariane Burgess MSP, Local Government, Housing & Planning Committee

Jackson Carlaw MSP, Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee

Finlay Carson MSP, Rural Affairs, Islands and Natural Environment Committee

Richard Leonard MSP, Public Audit Committee (virtual)

Dean Lockhart MSP, Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee

Gillian Martin MSP, Health, Social Care and Sport Committee

Stuart McMillan MSP, Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

Audrey Nicoll MSP, Criminal Justice Committee (virtual)

Martin Whitfield MSP, Standards and Procedures and Public Appointments Committee (virtual)

- 1. Committee business:** The Conveners Group agreed the minutes of the last meeting. The Group also agreed to return to the issue of gender balance on Committees on a regular basis in order to monitor progress being made in addressing this issue.
- 2. Diversity, inclusion and participation (presentation from Participation and Communities Team):** The Group received a presentation from the head of the Participation and Communities Team (PACT) on the ongoing and future public engagement work. Further work in this area will be brought forward to a future meeting.
- 3. Post-legislative scrutiny:** The Group noted a clerk's paper on post legislative scrutiny and endorsed the new approach. An update will be provided at a future meeting.

**4. Work programme:** The Group noted the following:

- The arrangements for the re-arranged meeting with the First Minister that will take place on 2 March.
- The Group's role in cross-cutting matters such as EU issues, net zero and the National Care Service Bill. Future proposals in these areas will be brought forward to future meetings.
- The schedule of future committee debates.

It was agreed that Conveners should be encouraged to bring forward issues of interest to the Group. In order to facilitate an informed discussion, advance notice of any issues should be provided in advance as far as possible.

Date of Next Meeting: 23 February 2022

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