



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Minute of Parliamentary Bureau meeting

22 April 2025

Present:

- Alison Johnstone (Chair)
- Jamie Hepburn
- Alexander Burnett
- Martin Whitfield
- Gillian Mackay
- Willie Rennie

Also attended:

- Annabelle Ewing
- Liam McArthur
- Jackie Dunbar

Officials present:

- David McGill
- Tracey White
- Irene Fleming
- Katy Orr
- Mark Brough
- Sigrid Robinson
- Joanna Hardy
- Jason Nairn
- Fran Iwanyckyj
- Gail Grant
- Joanna Kendall
- Samantha Currie
- Ellen Wright

Agenda item 1 – Previous minutes and matters arising

1. The Bureau agreed the minutes of its meeting on 1 April.

Agenda item 2 – Business Programme

2. The Bureau agreed a revised programme of business for the week beginning 22 April and agreed a programme of business for the weeks beginning 28 April and 5 May.

3. Business Managers noted that Members Business in the week beginning 28 April would be—
 - Tuesday 29 April: Marie McNair: Testicular Cancer Awareness Month
 - Wednesday 30 April: Meghan Gallacher: Best Start New Model of Neonatal Care
 - Thursday 1 May: Emma Harper: World Asthma Day.

Agenda item 3 – Referral of a Bill at Stage 1

4. Business Managers agreed to recommend to the Parliament by motion that it agrees—
 - that the Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Commissioner for Older People (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1.
5. Business Managers agreed to seek further information from relevant Conveners before recommending to designate a lead Committee in respect of the Wellbeing and Sustainable Development (Scotland) Bill.

Agenda item 4 – Referral of an LCM

6. Business Managers agreed to refer—
 - the LCM on the Planning and Infrastructure Bill to the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee as lead committee.
 - the supplementary LCM on the Tobacco and Vapes Bill to the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee as lead committee.

Agenda item 5 – Committee Membership

7. Business Managers agreed to lodge motions on Committee Membership and substitutes, to be taken on Tuesday 22 April.

Agenda item 6 – Committee requests to meet at the same time as the Parliament

8. Business Managers agreed to recommend to the Parliament that—
 - the Education and Young People Committee be given permission to meet, if necessary, at the same time as the Chamber between approximately 1.30pm and 5pm on Tuesday 13 May and Tuesday 20 May 2025.
 - the Social Justice and Social Security Committee be given permission to meet, if necessary, at the same time as the Parliament between approximately 2pm and 5pm on Tuesday 29 April 2025.

Katy Orr
Clerk to the Parliamentary Bureau
April 2025