

CROSS PARTY GROUP ON SKILLS

Wednesday 19 December 2018, 1300-1400 hours
Committee Room 2, Scottish Parliament

Minutes

Present

- Jamie Halcro Johnston MSP
- Tavish Scott MSP
- Joanne Buchan, Colleges Scotland
- Andy Witty, Colleges Scotland
- Ian McCulloch, ITC Training Academy
- Mary Weir, Pearson
- Janis McCulloch, Scouts Scotland
- Karen Ormiston, Remarkable
- Cara Hilton, CECA Scotland
- Robert Bruce, Semta
- Stephen Young, GMG Construction
- Simon Williams, NHS Education for Scotland

Apologies

- Johann Lamont MSP
- Gillian Martin MSP
- Ross Greer MSP
- Drew McGowan, West College Scotland
- Polly Purvis, ScotlandIS
- Svea Miesch, ScotlandIS
- Kenny Stewart, Open University
- George Brown, SQA
- Jim Metcalfe, College Development Network
- Kevin Patrick, Lantra
- Baljinder Birdi, Pearson UK
- Stuart McKenna, Scottish Training Federation
- Anne Galbraith, SECTT
- Anne Meikle, Women's Enterprise Scotland
- Aileen Ponton, SCQF Partnership
- Fiona Harper, SELECT

1. Welcome and Apologies

Jamie Halcro Johnston MSP opened the meeting and noted apologies from members of the group.

2. Approval of Minutes from the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the Tuesday 1 May 2018 meeting were ratified.

3. Annual General Meeting business

Jamie Halcro Johnson MSP was elected as the new Convener of the group and Johann Lamont MSP will continue as the Deputy Convener. It was noted that James Dornan MSP and Colin Smyth MSP had stood down as members and that Ross Greer MSP has joined as a new member of the group.

The Annual Return Form was reviewed and approved by the group.

4. Dates and Topics for Future Meetings

It was noted that the future meetings would be held after the Christmas recess, the dates of which are yet to be agreed. It was agreed that future meetings would continue to be held during a lunchtime slot. Suggested topics for future meetings included:

- The current Review of Employability Support (Scottish Training Federation)
- Scottish Apprenticeship Week (Skills Development Scotland)
- Foundation Apprenticeships
- Enterprise & Skills Strategic Board
- Skills shortages and skills planning

- Work-based learning
- Recognition of prior learning
- Older workforce and benefits.

It was also suggested that the group could, where appropriate, put forward a parliamentary motion and hold a roundtable session.

5. Close

With no further business to conduct, the meeting was closed.