

Briefing material for DFM’s meeting with Ross Greer at 14:00, 12 April to discuss Policy Prospectus

1. Background:

- [redacted – section 30(b)(i)Free and frank provision of advice].
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- In setting out our priorities for 2023-24 after the Easter recess, we shall be confirming how we intend to use the resources voted by Parliament. In doing so, [redacted – Section 30(b)(i) – Free and frank provision of advice].
- To enhance clarity in the setting of clear goals and expectations for delivery across government, [redacted – Section 30(b)(i) – Free and frank provision of advice].
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2. Green proposals that officials advise can be accepted:

- Minor drafting changes have been adopted
- A significant number of more substantive drafting points, most of which can be taken on board and will be included in the next draft (issuing this evening)
- [redacted – Section 30(b)(ii) – Free and frank exchange of views].
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- Introducing a separate bullet point on active travel
- [redacted – Section 30(b)(ii) – Free and frank exchange of views]
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- Include consulting on requirement for large companies to produce their own just transition plans.
- Added language on consulting around regulations to deliver targets on transitioning homes to zero direct emissions heating
- [redacted – Section 30(b)(ii) – Free and frank exchange of views]
- Add reference to DRS and [redacted – Section 30(b)(ii) – Free and frank exchange of views]
- Clarifying rail electrification and climate resilience at rest and be thankful
- Added language on Scotland’s rainforest and woodland alongside peatland
- Changed language on international development programmes for inclusive education

3. New deal for Government

[redacted – Section 30(b)(ii) – Free and frank exchange of views].

Greens Ask [redacted – section 30(b)(ii) – Free and frank exchange of views]	Suggested response - [redacted – section 30(b)(ii) – Free and frank provision of advice]
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4. Substantive Policy proposals which present bigger challenges:

Substantive or drafting change?	Proposal	SCS suggested response
Substantive policy announcement	[redacted – section 30(b)(ii) – Free and frank exchange of views]	[redacted – section 30(b)(ii) – Free and frank provision of advice]
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BUTE HOUSE AGREEMENT**FORTNIGHTLY LIAISON MEETING BETWEEN DEPUTY FIRST MINISTER AND SCOTTISH GREEN PARTY GROUP****THURSDAY 20 APRIL 2023 IN PARLIAMENT****Present:**

First Minister
Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance
Minister for Parliamentary Business
Minister for Zero Carbon Buildings, Active Travel and Tenants' Rights
Ross Greer MSP
Gillian Mackay MSP
Andy Bruce, Director of Communications and Ministerial Support
Deputy Director Cabinet, Parliament and Governance
Callum McCaig, Special Adviser

Harry Huyton,

[redacted 38(1)(b) – personal data relating to a third party], PS for First Minister

[redacted 38(1)(b) – personal data relating to a third party], PS for Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for COVID Recovery

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Apologies:

1. The meeting was the first liaison meeting between the new Deputy First Minister (DFM) and members of the Scottish Green Party (SGP) Parliamentary Group following the appointment of the new First Minister (FM). The First Minister also attended the meeting. [redacted – section29(1)(b) – Ministerial communications]
2. The FM underlined the important role he saw the BHA having and his commitment to ensuring positive collaborative continued between SNP and SGP to deliver on shared objectives.
3. [redacted – section29(1)(a) – formulation or development of Scottish Government policy].
4. Ross Greer congratulated the FM on his appointment. He noted that the SGP considered that the policy prospectus had met their objectives and that the SGP was supportive of the missions as set out in the document as well as the strong focus on outcomes and delivery.
5. The FM confirmed he wished to have regular engagement with the SGP. This was welcomed by the SGP. [redacted – section29(1)(b) – Ministerial communications]

Action:

- [redacted – section29(1)(b) – Ministerial communications]

6. Mr Harvie noted that strong relationships, based on trust and good dialogue, had developed between the SG and SGP to date. The FM and DFM stressed their commitment to ensuring the whole Ministerial team worked to build on the successes of the BHA and to develop strong bi-lateral relationships with their SGP portfolio holder counterparts. Ross Greer welcomed this commitment and noted the range of positive engagements that had already taken place.

Action:

- [redacted – section29(1)(b) – Ministerial communications] [complete]

7. [redacted – section29(1)(a) – formulation or development of Scottish Government policy]

8. FM considered the review mechanism in the BHA (in terms of it enabling the development of the shared policy programme during this session of the Scottish Parliament) to be a positive. [redacted – section29(1)(a) – formulation or development of Scottish Government policy]

Action:

[redacted – section29(1)(a) – formulation or development of Scottish Government policy]

Meeting with Ross Greer MSP – Wednesday 12 April 2023

Attendees

Shona Robison MSP, Deputy First Minister

Ross Greer MSP

Callum McCaig, SpAd

Gavin Corbett, SpAd

[redacted – section 38(1)(b) personal data relating to third party], DFM's Private Office

DFM offered to meet with Mr Greer as a follow up to feedback given by the Scottish Green Party (SGP) to the FM's Policy Prospectus ahead of its publication on Tuesday 18 April.

[redacted – 29(1)(a) – formulation or development of Scottish Government policy]

The meeting ended.