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The following table details all meetings relating to the Scottish budget in which Green MSPs and members of the Scottish Government's cabinet were present in the period from January 1 2022 to 4 November 2022

Minister	Date	Time	Subject	Location
Deputy First Minister	03/08/2022	11:00	Ross Greer MSP – Budget	St Andrew's House
Deputy First Minister	30/08/2022	18:00	Ross Greer MSP – Public Finances & Overall Finances	St Andrew's House
Deputy First Minister	06/09/2022	17:30	Ross Greer MSP, Budget	Scottish Parliament
Deputy First Minister	27/09/2022	14:30	Ross Greer MSP, Budget	Scottish Parliament
Deputy First Minister	12/10/2022	18:30	Scottish Green Party Fortnightly Liaison Group meeting	Video Conference
Deputy First Minister	19/10/2022	14:30	Ross Greer MSP, Emergency Budget Review	St Andrews House
Deputy First Minister	27/10/2022	17:30	Scottish Green Party, Fortnightly Liaison Group meeting	Video Conference

3 August 2022 – Readout from meeting

From: Director of Budget and Public Spending <Directorofbudgetandpublicspending@gov.scot>

Sent: To: [redacted]

Cc: McLaren D (Douglas) <Douglas.McLaren@gov.scot>; Director of Tax and Revenues <directoroftaxandrevenues@gov.scot>

Subject: Budget timetable - Greens

Hi [redacted]

One action arising from a discussion today with DFM and Ross Greer is to please build into our Budget 2023-24 timetable a handful of key points at which it would make sense for them to discuss the budget.

Ideally, DFM's office would schedule some dates in advance – with the understanding that there could be some movements given uncertainties around eg UK Budget.

[redacted]

Beyond UK Budget, time will be short but I'd think a couple of meetings might be helpful in that window, as final decisions are taken.

Please could you consider this on return and while Dougie and I are off.

Thanks

Andrew

30 August 2022 – Emails

From: [redacted]

Sent: 29 August 2022 16:52

To: Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery <DFMCSCR@gov.scot>

Cc: McCaig C (Callum) <Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot>; Dobson L (Leanne) <Leanne.Dobson@gov.scot>; McLaren D (Douglas) <Douglas.McLaren@gov.scot>; Gormley N (Nuala) <Nuala.Gormley@gov.scot>; [redacted] Director of Budget and Public Spending <Directorofbudgetandpublicspending@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: Public finance meeting

[redacted],

With apologies for the delay – please find attached the briefing for the DFM and Ross Greer meeting tomorrow at 17:00.

Andrew Watson (Director of Budget and Public Spending) will be the official support for the meeting, instead of [redacted] on Pay and another official on public spending.

I'm happy to answer any questions, and provide additional briefing if required.

Thanks

[redacted]

[redacted] | Pay Strategy Lead | Budget, Pay and Pensions Division | Budget & Public Spending Directorate | DG Scottish Exchequer | 3-C North, Victoria Quay, Edinburgh, EH6 6QQ | [redacted]

From: [redacted]

Sent: 25 August 2022 19:26

To: Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery <DFMCSCR@gov.scot>; Director of Budget and Public Spending <Directorofbudgetandpublicspending@gov.scot>; McLaren D (Douglas) <Douglas.McLaren@gov.scot>; Gormley N (Nuala) <Nuala.Gormley@gov.scot>

Cc: McCaig C (Callum) <Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot>; Dobson L (Leanne) <Leanne.Dobson@gov.scot>; Higgins K (Kate) <Kate.Higgins@gov.scot>; Matheson C (Catriona) <Catriona.Matheson@gov.scot>; Huyton H (Harry) <Harry.Huyton@gov.scot>; Corbett GN (Gavin) <Gavin.Corbett@gov.scot>; [redacted]

Subject: RE: Public finance meeting

Good evening [redacted],

To confirm that [redacted] will be leading on the briefing being prepared and I note the deadline of 4pm Monday 29 August. I will provide official support on pay. Public spending officials will confirm who will provide official support on public finance .

Many thanks, [redacted]

[redacted] | Head of Pay, Severance and Pensions Fiscal Policy | Budget, Pay and Pensions Division | Scottish Government | Victoria Quay, Leith, Edinburgh | Mob : 07775959640 Email: [redacted]

My working week is [redacted]

From: [redacted] **On Behalf Of** Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery

Sent: 25 August 2022 11:03

To: Director of Budget and Public Spending <Directorofbudgetandpublicspending@gov.scot>; McLaren D (Douglas)

<Douglas.McLaren@gov.scot>; [redacted]

Cc: Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery <DFMCSCR@gov.scot>; McCaig C (Callum) <Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot>; Dobson L (Leanne) <Leanne.Dobson@gov.scot>; Higgins K (Kate) <Kate.Higgins@gov.scot>; Matheson C (Catriona) <Catriona.Matheson@gov.scot>; Huyton H (Harry) <Harry.Huyton@gov.scot>; Corbett GN (Gavin) <Gavin.Corbett@gov.scot>

Subject: FW: Public finance meeting

Good morning,

DFM will meet with Ross Greer MSP on Tuesday 30th August 17:00 – 18:00 to discuss public sector pay and the overall financial picture. Grateful if officials can advise on who briefing being prepared for this meeting and official support at the meeting. Note this is in person and due to take place at St Andrews House.

Many thanks,

[redacted] Assistant Private Secretary (Diary) to the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery – John Swinney
The Scottish Government | St Andrew's House, Regent Road, Edinburgh, EH1 3DG

E: DFMCSCR@gov.scot



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From: Greer R (Ross), MSP <Ross.Greer.msp@parliament.scot>

Sent: 25 August 2022 09:43

To: Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery <DFMCSCR@gov.scot>

Cc: Huyton H (Harry) <Harry.Huyton@gov.scot>; McCaig C (Callum) <Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot>; Corbett GN (Gavin) <Gavin.Corbett@gov.scot>

Subject: Re: Public finance meeting

That's ideal for me, thanks.

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From: [redacted] on behalf of DFMCSCR@gov.scot <DFMCSCR@gov.scot>

Sent: Thursday, 25 August 2022, 09:33

To: Greer R (Ross), MSP <Ross.Greer.msp@parliament.scot>

Cc: Harry.Huyton@gov.scot <Harry.Huyton@gov.scot>; Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot <Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot>; Gavin.Corbett@gov.scot <Gavin.Corbett@gov.scot>; Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid

Recovery <DFMCSCR@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: Public finance meeting

Hi Mr Greer,

Thank you for letting us know.

DFM would be available on **Tuesday 30th August 17:00 – 18:00** and would be grateful for an in person discussion.

Many thanks,

[redacted] Assistant Private Secretary (Diary) to the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery – John Swinney
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From: Greer R (Ross), MSP <Ross.Greer.msp@parliament.scot>
Sent: 23 August 2022 18:15
To: Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery <DFMCSCR@gov.scot>
Cc: Huyton H (Harry) <Harry.Huyton@gov.scot>; McCaig C (Callum) <Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot>; Corbett GN (Gavin) <Gavin.Corbett@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Public finance meeting

[redacted],

Thanks for the quick response. I'm afraid I have [redacted] on Thursday. Could you let me know some other potential options?

Ross

From: [redacted] **On Behalf Of** DFMCSCR@gov.scot
Sent: 23 August 2022 11:26
To: Greer R (Ross), MSP <Ross.Greer.msp@parliament.scot>
Cc: Harry.Huyton@gov.scot; Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot; Gavin.Corbett@gov.scot; Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery <DFMCSCR@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Public finance meeting

Good morning Mr Greer,

DFM is happy to get another meeting in the diary for this discussion.

Does this Thursday 25th August 14:15 – 15:00 possibly work? The Deputy First Minister will be in St Andrews House so would be able to host this in person, if possible.

Many thanks,

[redacted]

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From: Greer R (Ross), MSP <Ross.Greer.msp@parliament.scot>
Sent: 22 August 2022 17:20
To: Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery <DFMCSCR@gov.scot>
Cc: Huyton H (Harry) <Harry.Huyton@gov.scot>; McCaig C (Callum) <Callum.Mccaig@gov.scot>; Corbett GN (Gavin) <Gavin.Corbett@gov.scot>
Subject: Public finance meeting

Hello,

Could we get another meeting in the diary on the current state of play with public sector pay and the overall financial picture?

Thanks, Ross

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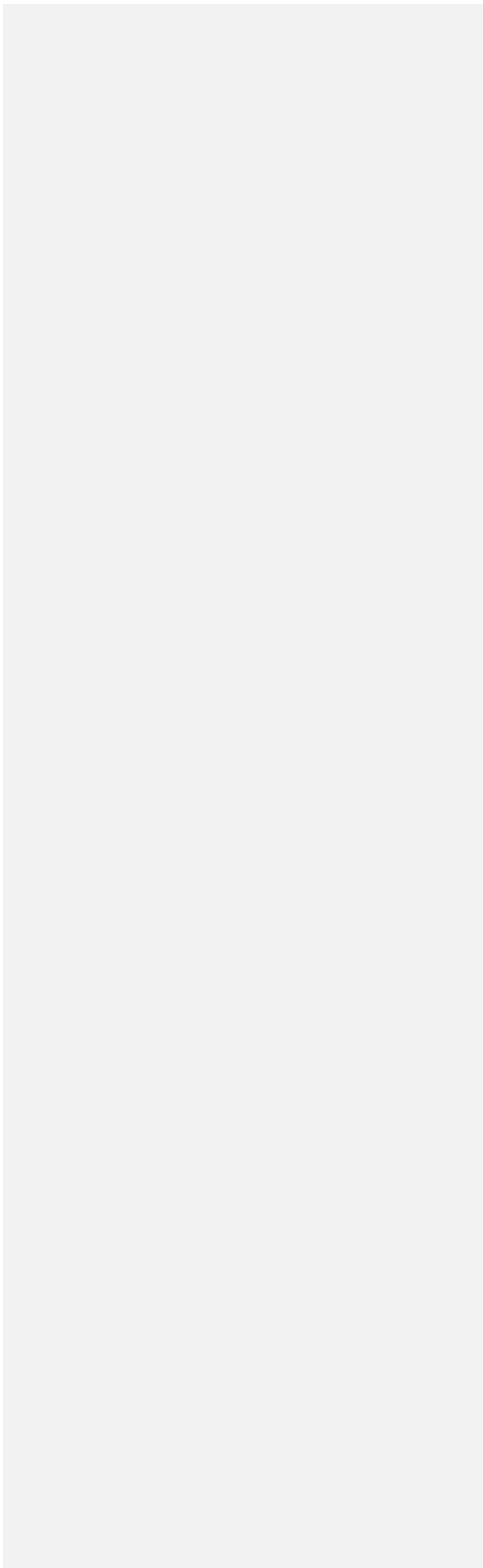
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30 August 2022 – Briefing

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MINISTERIAL BRIEFING: DEPUTY FIRST MINISTER AND ROSS GREER MSP

Meeting title	MEETING WITH DFM AND ROSS GREER MSP
Meeting timings	17:00 – 18:00, Tuesday 30 th August, DFM Office, 5th Floor, St Andrews House
Meeting attendees	Ross Greer MSP , Green Party
Meeting Agenda	1. Public Sector Pay and the overall financial outlook
Background information on Agenda items	Meeting Overview Agenda Public Sector Pay (Annex A – C) Annex A: [Out of Scope] Annex B: [Out of Scope] Annex C: [Out of Scope] Financial outlook (Annex D – F) Annex D: [Out of Scope] Annex E: [Out of Scope] Annex F: Emergency Budget Review and 2023-24 Scottish Budget
Official support:	Andrew Watson (Director of Budget and Public Spending)

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MEETING OVERVIEW

Ross Greer MSP (Green Party) requested a meeting with the Deputy First Minister in his role as Cabinet Secretary for Finance to discuss the current position with public sector pay and the overall financial picture.

[Out of Scope]

Similarly, with regard to public finances officials expect Mr Greer to want to understand the 2022-23 position, the Emergency Budget Review and broader views on the 2023-24.

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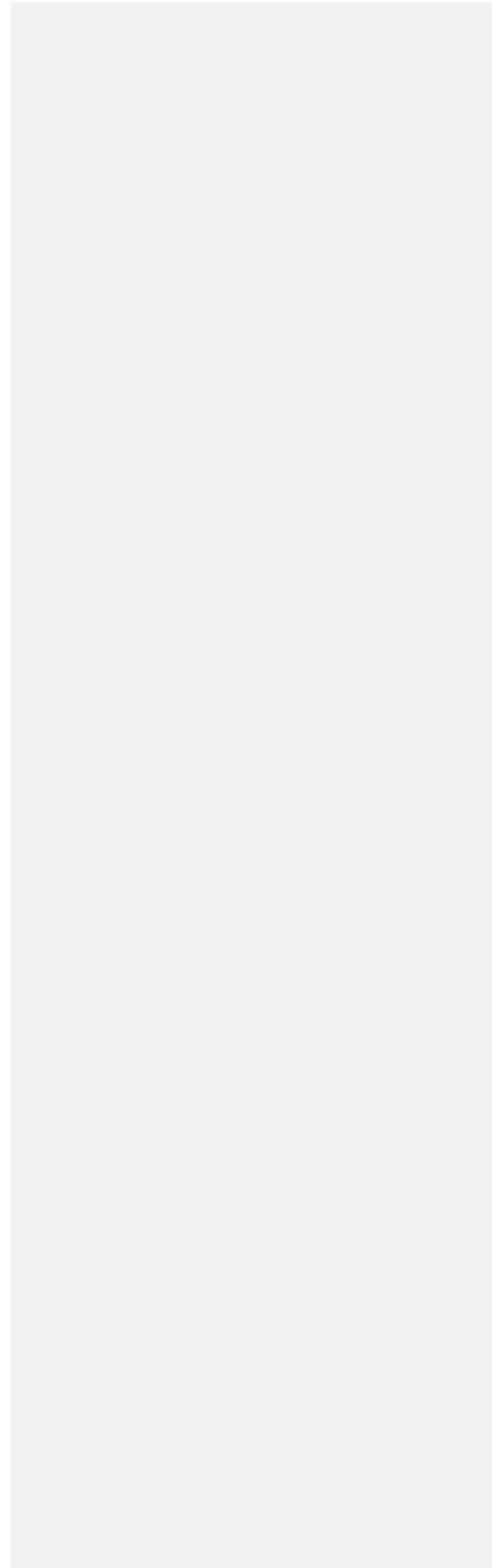
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ANNEX A – E

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ANNEX F – EMERGENCY BUDGET REVIEW AND 2023-24 SCOTTISH BUDGET

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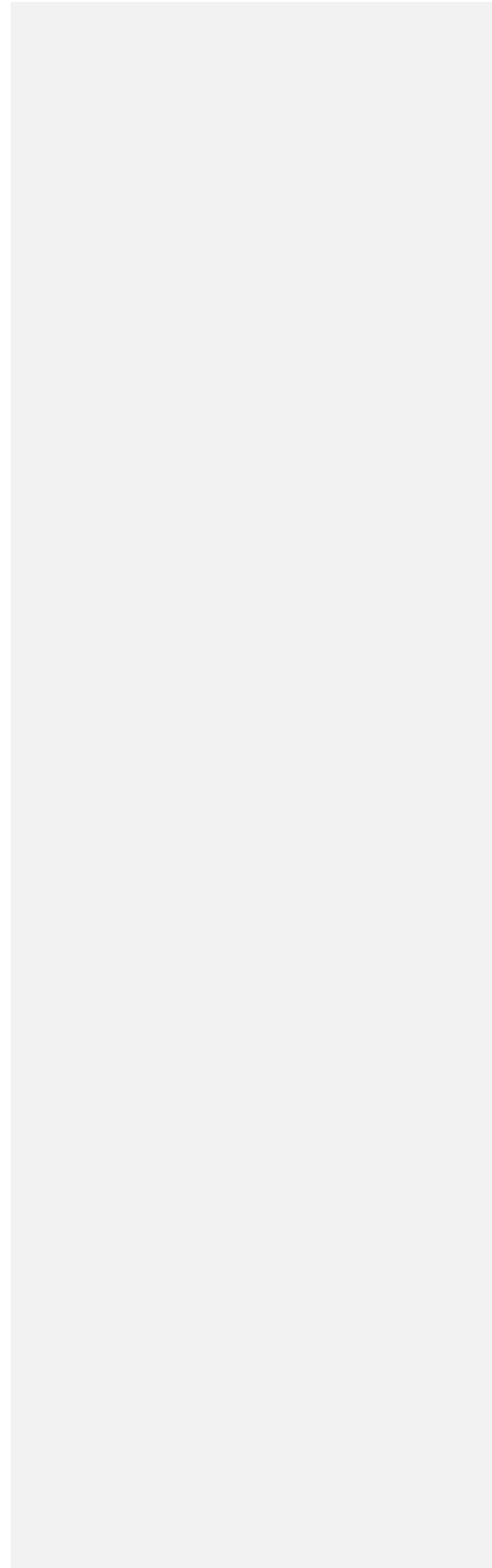
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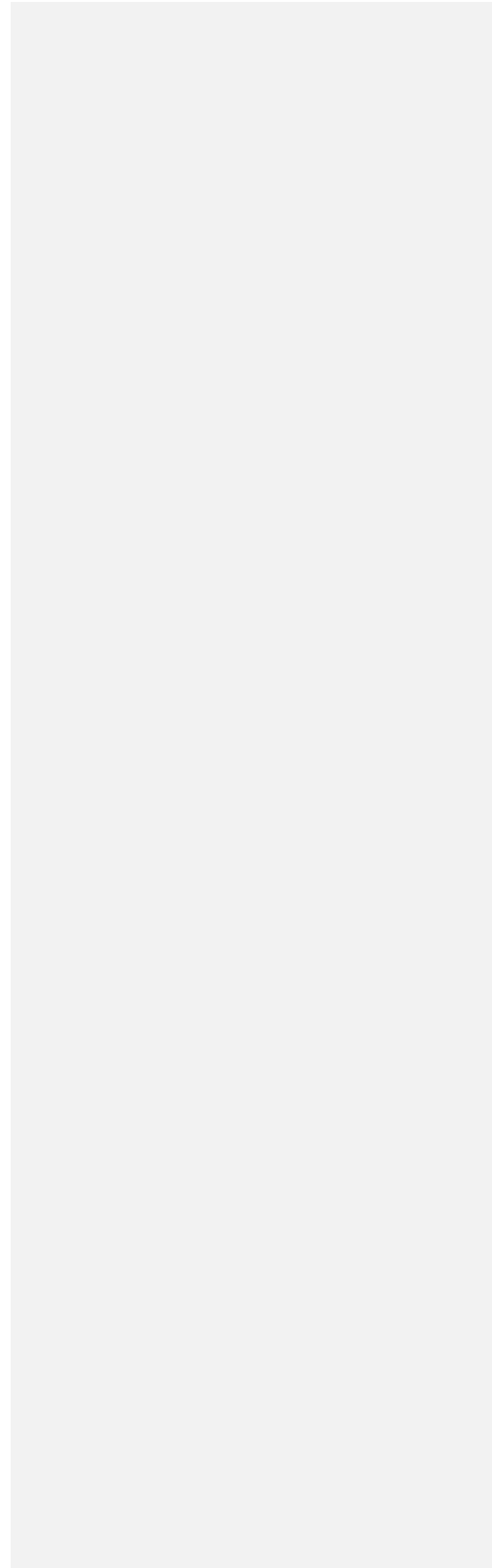
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27 September 2022 – [redacted]

[redacted]



12 October 2022 - Emails relating to meeting between DFM and Greens on Budget.

From: [redacted] **On Behalf Of** Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery

Sent: 14 October 2022 07:57

To: [redacted]; Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery <DFMCSCR@gov.scot>

Cc: Gormley N (Nuala) <Nuala.Gormley@gov.scot>; MacDougall J (Jamie) <Jamie.MacDougall@gov.scot>; Hynd JS (James) <James.Hynd@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: DFM/Greens Liaison Group meeting - 12 October - Follow up actions

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[redacted],

DFM is content with the below read out.

Thanks

[redacted]

[redacted] | Finance and Economy Team Leader | Office of the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery – John Swinney

St Andrew's House | Regent Road | Edinburgh | EH1 3DG | Tel: [redacted] | Mob: [redacted] | Email: DFMCSCR@gov.scot

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From: [redacted]

Sent: 13 October 2022 17:18

To: Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery <DFMCSCR@gov.scot>

Cc: Gormley N (Nuala) <Nuala.Gormley@gov.scot>; MacDougall J (Jamie) <Jamie.MacDougall@gov.scot>; Hynd JS (James) <James.Hynd@gov.scot>

Subject: DFM/Greens Liaison Group meeting - 12 October - Follow up actions

[redacted],

Just to follow up on DFM's meeting with the Greens yesterday:

I spoke with Nuala Gormley earlier on this – she'll be following up with colleagues leading on EBR and budget. In the meantime are you able to set up the first of EBR/Budget focused meetings between DFM and the Greens for next week, involving Nuala and Jamie?

I noted during the call that DFMPO would commission Budget officials on the Budget timeline with proposed discussions so I haven't actioned this.

[out of scope]

Thanks, [redacted]

[redacted]

Head of Cabinet Performance and Outreach

Cabinet Secretariat

Email: [redacted] | Mobile: [redacted]

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12 October 2022 – Filenote DFM Fortnightly Liaison meeting with SGP.

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BUTE HOUSE AGREEMENT

FORTNIGHTLY LIAISON MEETING BETWEEN DEPUTY FIRST MINISTER AND SCOTTISH GREEN PARTY GROUP WEDNESDAY MS TEAMS

Present:

Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for COVID Recovery
Minister for Green Skills, Circular Economy and Biodiversity
Ross Greer MSP
James Hynd, Director for Cabinet
Callum McCaig, Special Adviser
Karen Shaw, PS
Slater

1. The meeting discussed Budget timescales and issues, [out of scope].
2. **Budget timescales and issues.** [redacted]
[out of scope]

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19 October 2022 – Emails relating to note of meeting

From: [redacted] **On Behalf Of** Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery
Sent: 10 November 2022 12:35
To: Gormley N (Nuala) <Nuala.Gormley@gov.scot>; Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery <DFMCSCR@gov.scot>
Cc: Dobson L (Leanne) <Leanne.Dobson@gov.scot>; Hynd JS (James) <James.Hynd@gov.scot>; [redacted]; King L (Lorraine) <Lorraine.King@gov.scot>; Director of Tax and Revenues <directoroftaxandrevenues@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: DFM and Greens meeting 19/10 - read out and actions

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Thanks Nuala, DFM has approved the note. As per the [new process](#), can you please save this in ERDM and send me the file location link to allow me to update our records?

Many thanks

[redacted]

[redacted]
Private Secretary/DFM
07824482427

From: Gormley N (Nuala) <Nuala.Gormley@gov.scot>
Sent: 09 November 2022 13:51
To: Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery <DFMCSCR@gov.scot>
Cc: Dobson L (Leanne) <Leanne.Dobson@gov.scot>; Hynd JS (James) <James.Hynd@gov.scot>; [redacted]; King L (Lorraine) <Lorraine.King@gov.scot>; Director of Tax and Revenues <directoroftaxandrevenues@gov.scot>
Subject: DFM and Greens meeting 19/10 - read out and actions

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[redacted]

Thanks

Nuala

DFM/Private Office

A brief note of the meeting on 19 October with the Green Group was taken, and recently agreed from attendees, including Special Advisors in attendance

Attendance:

- Deputy First Minister
- Ross Greer, MSP, Green Group
- Andrew Scott, Director of Tax
- Lorraine King, Head of Tax Division

- Nuala Gormley, Head of Public Spending Division
- Leanne Dobson, Special Advisor
- Gavin Corbett, Green Special Advisor

General note:

1. Discussion covered [out of scope] plans for engagement with the Green Group up to the Scottish Budget 2023-24.
2. [out of scope]
3. [redacted]
4. [redacted]

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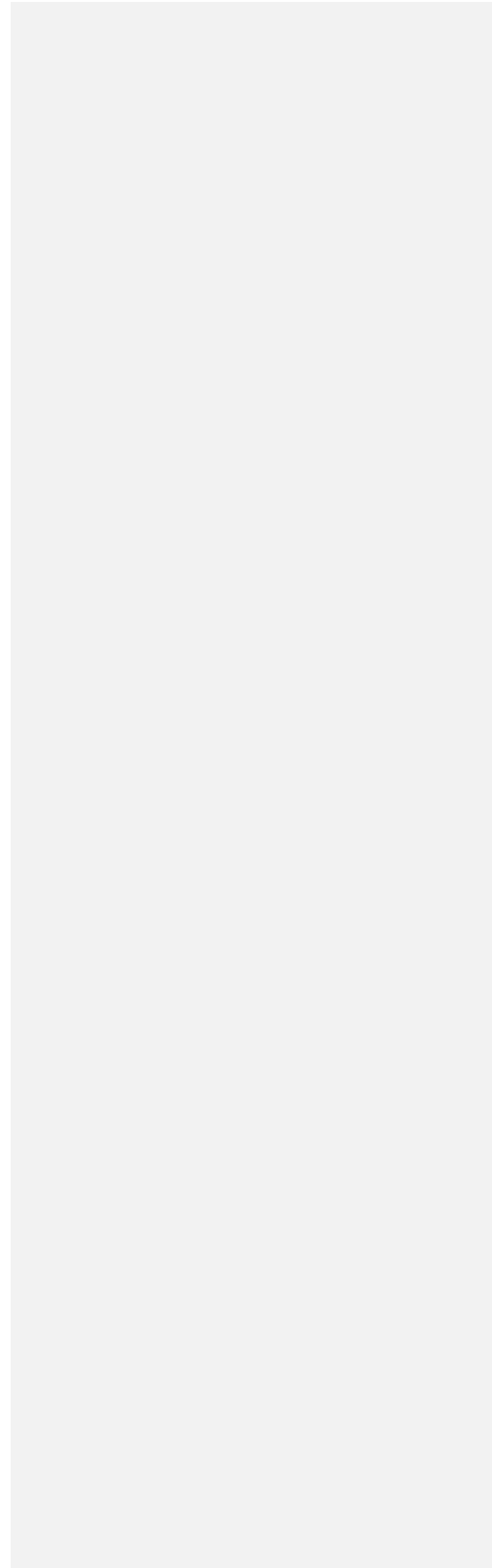


I am working from home and am emailing at a time that suits me. Please be assured that I do not expect responses outwith your own working pattern.

If you have any questions on this, please get in touch with me.

Thanks

[redacted]



19 October 2022 – Briefing pack

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What	Greens Liaison Group Meeting
When	Wednesday 19 October 11:00 – 12:00
Where	St Andrews House
Who	Ross Greer MSP
Where did this engagement originate from?	The meeting will continue the regular engagement with the Scottish Greens. It is anticipated that you will offer an update on the Emergency Budget Review, the early preparations for the 2023-24 Scottish Budget and a reminder of the funding challenges and difficult decisions ahead.
Official support	Jamie MacDougall
Briefing contents	<p>1. [out of scope].....23</p> <p>2. Emergency Budget Review (EBR) – including high level equality assessment and parallel publications... Error! Bookmark not defined.</p> <p>3. [out of scope]..... Error! Bookmark not defined.</p> <p>4. [out of scope]..... Error! Bookmark not defined.</p> <p>5. [out of scope].....23</p> <p>6. [out of scope]..... Error! Bookmark not defined.</p> <p>7. [out of scope]..... Error! Bookmark not defined.</p> <p>8. Climate change assessment of the Budget and improvements Error! Bookmark not defined.</p> <p>9. [out of scope]..... Error! Bookmark not defined.</p>

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Background

Following previous engagement with the Scottish Greens, you requested that a series of further meetings be arranged with an initial one to discuss the Emergency Budget Review. This will also be an opportunity to offer early messages on the 2023-24 Scottish Budget.

This is the first of these weekly meetings to discuss issues relating to the budget with the Scottish Greens.

You will be meeting with Ross Greer MSP, who is currently the Scottish Greens spokesperson for Culture, Education and External Affairs.

Meeting Objectives

- [out of scope]
- To offer an update on the ongoing budget planning work for the 2023-24 Scottish Budget and an early alert to the significant challenges ahead.

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Items for Discussion

1. 2023-24 Scottish Budget Planning

Background

- You jointly agreed with the Finance & Public Administration Committee (FPAC) that the 2023-24 Scottish Budget will be published on 15 December 2022.
- [redacted]
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27 October 2022 – Filenote DFM Fortnightly Liaison meeting with SGP.

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BUTE HOUSE AGREEMENT

FORTNIGHTLY LIAISON MEETING BETWEEN DEPUTY FIRST MINISTER AND SCOTTISH GREEN PARTY GROUP THURSDAY 27 OCTO

Present:

Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for COVID Recovery
Minister for Minister for Zero Carbon Buildings, Active Travel and
Tenants' Rights
Maggie Chapman MSP
Ross Greer MSP
James Hynd, Director for Cabinet
Callum McCaig, Special Adviser
Karen Shaw, PS

1. The meeting covered [out of scope], Budget and [out of scope].

[out of scope]

2. **Budget.** [redacted]

[out of scope]

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