

Agenda

Cross-Party Group on Visual Impairment

**Tuesday 4 March 2025, 18.00-19.45, online
and Committee Room 3, Scottish
Parliament**

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Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Visual Impairment #CPGVI

Purpose of the group:

The Cross-Party Group on Visual Impairment draws together the blind and partially sighted sector in Scotland to identify issues competent to the Scottish Parliament and seeks, in a reasonable fashion, to influence policy, legislation and decision makers to better reflect the needs of blind and partially sighted people.

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Agenda item 1 - Welcome, introductions and apologies

Welcome, introductions and apologies plus GDPR statement.

Agenda item 2 - Approval of minutes of meeting of 20 November 2024

Agenda item 3 - Matters arising and Action Points

Agenda item 4 – Changing Charity Law in Scotland

Charles Willis, Senior Manager Policy and Sector Improvement, Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR)

Emma Sedgwick, Engagement Manager, OSCR.

Followed by Q and A.

Agenda item 5 – Designing for Inclusion

Designing for Inclusion - Guide Dogs

Introduced by Niall Foley, Lead External Affairs Manager (Devolved) Guide Dogs, and Michael Moore, Policy and Campaigns Manager (Scotland), Guide Dogs.

Professor Nick Tyler CBE, Director UCL PEARL and Centre for Transport Studies, the lead researcher on Guide Dogs Designing for Inclusion report, and Helen Aluko-Olokun, Policy Manager - Built Environment lead, Guide Dogs.

Leith Walk – a lived case study – Alan Dudley

Followed by Q and A.

Agenda Item 6 – Dr Hannah Tweed, Secretary, Cross-Party Group on Deafness, Update on the cancellation of the See Hear Strategy

Please see the attached letter sent to stakeholders by the Scottish Government Social Care and National Care Service Development Directorate in December 2024.

Agenda Item 7 - Any other competent business

Agenda item 8 - Date of next meeting

Tuesday 27 May, 18.00-19.45, Committee Room 3, Scottish Parliament, and online.