

Minutes from the Policy and Regulatory Meeting

Date

23/03/2023, 10:00am

Attendees

Grahame Woods, Robin O'Kelly, Chris Aikens, Jeannie Cameron, Eoin Dardis, Hugh Critchley, Anna Petrosyan, Dan Marchant, Khurram Jowiya, Stephen Little, Doug Mutter, John Dunne, Victoria Hancock, Andrej Kuttruf, Damien Bove.

Welcome

Robin welcomed all to the meeting and introduced Matt Gillow.

Apologies

No apologies were noted.

Approval of the minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Scottish Parliament Engagement

Grahame gave an update of our engagement with Scotland, noting that John Dunne and Doug Mutter had recently met with Mercedes Villalba MSP.

This meeting went as well as could be expected with Mercedes still in favour of a ban of disposable vapes but offering to submit parliamentary questions on our behalf.

Over the coming weeks we will also be meeting with Paul Sweeney MSP, Brian Whittle MSP, Siobhan MSP and Colin Smyth MSP.

10 Minute Rule Bill

Matt outlined that the 10 minute rule bill is not due to be debated tomorrow and that it is now scheduled for November.

We do not expect it to make it to be debated in the future.

Chris Aiken asked what monitoring JBP does for political developments and Matt outlined the various sources we get our information from.

Youth Access Prevention Strategy

Robin thanked all who submitted to this strategy and highlighted that it is now ready to be submitted to government. The report will be launched at the VApril Parliamentary Reception on Tuesday 28 March.

VApril Parliamentary Reception

Grahame noted that 55 people had registered to attend the reception which is a higher number than last year. There are eight MPs RSVP'd for the event which is double the number that were expected to attend in 2022.

It was requested that an excel spreadsheet of the attendees be circulated to members of the P&R committee.

COP 10 Event

Grahame noted that there is a COP 10 roundtable scheduled in Parliament for the 19th of April. He paid a special thank you to Jeannie Cameron and Dr Marina Murphy for their help so far.

Jeannie outlined that a special speaker has been confirmed for this event, but asks that the details remain undisclosed until a later date.

She has also published a series of talking points that will be distributed to committee members.

NB: As per the meeting agreement the name and occupation of the speaker has been withheld.

European Consultation

John is going to check with his European counterpart to see what their reaction is to the consultation and will advise next steps from there.

General Business

There were several items of general business including:

- A discussion on who is generating the campaign against vaping in the media.
- The need for a calendar of events for the UKVIA, along with the general political environment.
- The need for a creation of a 'media' FAQ pack to support members and John in their media engagement.
- A desire for the UKVIA to push government to allow for increased tank capacity.

The meeting closed at 10:58am