Call for Evidence: Scottish Futures Trust/ NPD Programme

The Scottish Futures Trust (SFT) was established by the Scottish Government in 2008. Its website states that its mission is ‘to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of infrastructure investment and use in Scotland by working collaboratively with public bodies and industry, leading to better value for money and improved public services’. Further information about the SFT’s role and key aims can be found in its Corporate Plan 2014-19 and SFT’s Business Plan for 2015-16.

The Committee is interested in hearing views on the success of the SFT in achieving this aim and specifically—

- The SFT’s role in securing additional investment;
- The SFT’s role in securing better value for money and improved public services;
- The SFT’s role in fostering innovation to improve outcomes;
- The SFT’s role in encouraging collaboration to improve efficiency;
- The SFT’s efficacy in securing better outcomes including job creation, training and apprenticeships, environmental sustainability, broader community benefits and digital connectivity.
- Any other comments you might have on the SFT’s work towards achieving its key aims.

How to submit your evidence

The closing date for responses is Friday 2 October 2015. All responses should be sent electronically (in Word format – no confirmatory hard copy required) to finance.committee@scottish.parliament.uk. Written responses will be handled in accordance with the Parliament’s policy for handling written evidence received in response to calls for evidence. All written evidence received may be published by the Parliament and will be treated as a public document. If you wish to submit evidence in confidence or anonymously please read the policy at the link above.

What happens next?

The Committee will be considering those witnesses it wishes to hear oral evidence from in due course, informed by the written evidence received. Oral evidence sessions are likely to be in late October and November.

Contact

Should you require alternative formats of this information or further assistance in making a written submission to the Committee, please do not hesitate to contact the clerking team of the Committee via the email address above or by telephone on 0131 348 5451.