



LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE

AGENDA

12th Meeting, 2018 (Session 5)

Wednesday 18 April 2018

The Committee will meet at 10.00 am in the James Clerk Maxwell Room (CR4).

1. **National outcomes:** The Committee will take evidence from—

Derek Mackay, Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Constitution, Roger Halliday, Chief Statistician and Data Officer, and Carol Tannahill, Chief Social Policy Adviser, Scottish Government.

2. **National outcomes (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

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The papers for this meeting are as follows—

Agenda Item 1

National Outcomes Note by the Clerk

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Local Government and Communities Committee

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Consultation of the Scottish Parliament on the Scottish Government's Revised National Outcomes: Note by the Clerk

Purpose

1. This paper provides background information on the Committee's scrutiny of the Scottish Government's revised National Outcomes.
2. Scottish Government laid a document before the Scottish Parliament detailing its consultation process and their revised National Outcomes on 29 March. This document can be found [online](#).
3. A SPICe briefing on the National Outcomes can also be found [online](#).

Background

4. Under section 2 of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015, the Scottish Government is required to consult the Scottish Parliament on the proposed revisions to the National Outcomes. As part of this process, details of the wider consultation process carried out, and how it has been taken into account to inform any changes must also be provided (s.2(4) of the Act). Under the legislation, the Scottish Parliament has 40 calendar days to respond to this consultation (not including recess periods or days when the office of the Clerk is closed for more than three days).
5. On 27 March, the Parliamentary Bureau designated the Local Government and Communities Committee as the lead committee to coordinate the views of other relevant committees and report on the revised National Outcomes that fall within its remit.
6. On 3 April, the Convener [wrote to the Conveners of other relevant committees](#) requesting their views on the revised National Outcomes that fall within their remits. Responses from other committees are requested by Friday 4 May.
7. Following the laying of the revised National Outcomes consultation document the Committee launched a [call for views](#) on 4 April on the revised National Outcomes within its remit. The Outcomes that the Committee requested views on were as follows:
 - We live in communities that are inclusive, empowered, resilient and safe
 - We tackle poverty by sharing opportunities, wealth and power more equally
 - We grow up loved, safe and respected, so that we realise our full potential
8. Due to the limited time available for this consultation the Committee sought views from the public via Twitter, email and letter. The responses to the

Committee's call for written views have been published on the Committee's [webpage](#). A summary of the written views can be found at **Annexe A**.

Next Steps

9. Following the evidence session with the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Constitution on 18 April 2018, the Committee will consider the evidence heard.
10. In early May, the Committee will begin considering, in private, its report on the revised National Outcomes that fall within its remit. This report will also collate the views of other relevant Committees.
11. The Parliament will then consider the revised Outcomes during a chamber debate to take note of the Committee's report.

Graeme Donoghue
Assistant Clerk
April 2018

Local Government and Communities Committee

Consultation of the Scottish Parliament on the Scottish Government's Revised National Outcomes

Key Themes Arising from the Call for Views

Introduction

On Wednesday 4 April 2018, the Local Government and Communities Committee issued a call for views on the Scottish Government's revised National Outcomes that are within its remit.

- We live in communities that are inclusive, empowered, resilient and safe
- We tackle poverty by sharing opportunities, wealth and power more equally
- We grow up loved, safe and respected, so that we realise our full potential

The closing date for submissions was Wednesday 11 April 2018.

The Scottish Government's revised National Outcomes cover all areas of public life and are therefore wide ranging. Some responses commented on areas covered by the remits of other Committees.

This note aims to highlight key issues and concerns raised by respondents to the call for views. It is not intended to be a comprehensive summary of every issue raised. All responses to the Committee have been published on the Committee's website.

At the time of writing, the Committee had received 37 email responses and 25 responses via Twitter to the call for views.

Key issues raised in the call for views

- The majority of respondents supported the ambitions expressed in revised National Outcomes.
- Many respondents praised the link between the revised Outcomes and the Sustainable Development Goals.
- Several responders commented on the lack of detail contained within the revised Outcomes and indicators as well as how these would be achieved.
- Many expressed concern about how progress towards achieving the revised Outcomes would be measured.
- Two organisations expressed concern at the level of consultation by the Scottish Government on the revised National Outcomes noting that some

groups may not have had an opportunity to engage with the process e.g. rural communities, tenants/residents groups, community interest groups etc.

- Many respondents criticised the amount of time available for the call for views.

Responses to the Committee's Call for Views

[Submission from Inclusion Scotland \(107KB pdf\)](#)
[Submission from Lynne Fallon \(54.0KB pdf\)](#)
[Submission from Chris Horne \(55.4KB pdf\)](#)
[Submission from George Eckton \(267KB pdf\)](#)
[Submission from Harry Young \(54.2KB pdf\)](#)
[Submission from Alasdair Mathers \(202KB pdf\)](#)
[Submission from Christopher Bruce \(61KB pdf\)](#)
[Submission from James Pringle \(109KB pdf\)](#)
[Submission from Jim Anderson \(106KB pdf\)](#)
[Submission from the Law Society of Scotland \(111KB pdf\)](#)
[Submission from Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents \(170KB pdf\)](#)
[Submission from William and Jennifer Hunter \(53.7KB pdf\)](#)
[Submission from Elizabeth Knowles \(54.8KB pdf\)](#)
[Submission from Michael Nelson \(106KB pdf\)](#)
[Submission from Patricia Scully \(53.1KB pdf\)](#)
[Submission from Scottish Independent Advocacy Alliance \(124KB pdf\)](#)
[Submission from the Scottish Community Development Centre \(230KB pdf\)](#)
[Submission from Anne Mansfield \(56.6KB pdf\)](#)
[Submission from Dumfries and Galloway Council \(111KB pdf\)](#)
[Submission from Philip Revell \(207KB pdf\)](#)
[Submission from the Corra Foundation \(112KB pdf\)](#)
[Submission from Transition Edinburgh \(61.0KB pdf\)](#)
[Submission from Paths for All \(142KB pdf\)](#)
[Submission from the National Adult Learners' Forum \(127KB pdf\)](#)
[Submission from the National Trust for Scotland \(256KB pdf\)](#)
[Submission from Oxfam Scotland \(359KB pdf\)](#)
[Submission from the Big Lottery Fund \(124KB pdf\)](#)
[Submission from Child Poverty Action Group in Scotland \(247KB pdf\)](#)
[Submission from City of Edinburgh Council \(133KB pdf\)](#)
[Submission from Falkirk Council \(177KB pdf\)](#)
[Submission from Police Scotland \(131KB pdf\)](#)
[Submission from Aberdeenshire Council \(208KB pdf\)](#)
[Submission from Cyrenians and Cyrenians SCCR \(323KB pdf\)](#)
[Submission from YouthLink Scotland \(142KB pdf\)](#)
[Submission from Gail Macfarlane \(53.7KB pdf\)](#)
[Submission from Tourism Society Scotland \(123KB pdf\)](#)
[Submission from the Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations \(145KB pdf\)](#)