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By email only

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Dear Kenneth,

## **Review of National Outcomes**

Thank you for your letter of 6 March, which the NZET Committee considered at our 26 March meeting. We agreed to participate in collaborative scrutiny of the review of National Outcomes.

To achieve this, we will participate in the joint call for views, consider any written evidence received that is especially relevant to outcomes within our remit, and then take evidence from the Scottish Government, putting to them the main issues stakeholders have raised in their evidence. We will then share our conclusions by way of a report. Committee Members would be pleased to take part in the likely Chamber in the autumn.

The 40-day statutory scrutiny period for National Outcomes is very challenging for committees and we welcome the indication that additional time will be provided. We bring to your attention the view of the Session 5 Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee said that there should be no fixed period for scrutiny of the National Outcomes and the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 should be amended to reflect that.<sup>1</sup>

The NZET Committee looks forward to collaborating with you in this important work.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> <u>Letter</u> from the Convener of the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee to the Convener of the Local Government and Communities Committee on the Review of the National Outcomes – 2 May 2018

Yours sincerely,

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