

Local Government and Communities Committee

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

Submission from the Law Society of Scotland

Thank you for your email of 5 April concerning the Local Government and Communities consideration of the National Outcomes for Scotland.

Although the Law Society of Scotland were not involved in the consultation exercise which produced the national outcomes we approve of the summary of "visions" for Scotland from phases 1 and 2 which includes a Scotland which upholds "human rights, democracy and the rule of law and our justice system is proportionate fair and effective" which can be found on page 27 of the National Outcomes document. We also support the national outcome which states "we respect, protect and fulfil human rights and live free from discrimination". We also support the inclusion of access to justice in this national outcome.

I am sorry that due to the short consultation period there has not been sufficient time to develop further aspects to this response. If you or the Committee have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.