Local Government and Communities Committee

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

Submission from Anne Mansfield

The 3x outcomes were a positive starting point for this public discussion. The 11x proposed outcomes enlarge those original 3. The proposed new outcomes present a positive/hopeful vision of a future Scotland & its peoples. Underpinning this inspiring future vision are Scotgov. initiatives/legislation/laws which promote/encourage & compel the public - therefore enabling this vision to become a reality. As a member of SGP & a long-time activist/volunteer in my local community, I wholeheartedly support this vision.

The Community empowerment Act /The Land Reform Act /The Curriculum for Excellence & more recently, tax reforms, all further the aims for a future Scotland. I would support more initiatives about our environment. The SGP Policy document sec. 8 shows a comprehensive/integrated approach, which I favour. (Roseanna Cunningham MSP Pollinator Strategy for Scotland 2017-2027 & its Implementation Plan also makes local action possible. So I enthusiastically support this!)

I would like to see action/initiatives on how to change public attitudes towards local governments to include changing "voter apathy". Also a recognition & empowering of legions of women, often older, who support our society with unpaid (mostly) work as carers, volunteers in every kind of local/community organisations, e.g. village halls, charitable orgs, community councils etc.

I think this SCOT GOV consultation on these outcome changes is positive. Openness, honesty & contact with the public all help to combat voter apathy so keep up the good work.

Thank you for this opportunity to take part. Forgive my mistakes please, I'm no scholar.