

**Local Government and Communities Committee**

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

**Submission from Dumfries and Galloway Council's Communities department**

On behalf of Dumfries and Galloway Council's Communities department I would confirm that in our view the revised outcomes which are to be considered by the Local Government and Communities Committee are consistent with Dumfries and Galloway's Council Plan and Local Outcomes Improvement Plan (albeit that this was developed taking into account the previous National Outcomes), and we should therefore be able to contribute effectively to national monitoring of the three outcomes through our own local monitoring.

For example – this Council has developed its [Anti-Poverty Strategy](#) which is very much aligned with the second outcome, and also a [Children's Services Plan](#) which is principally aligned with the third.

Whilst we note the consultation undertaken nationwide to prepare the new Outcomes we do have some concerns as to the extent to which rural communities have been able to contribute: for example it is not clear whether the focus group held in Dumfries drew on participants from the wider region; and we also note that the consultation with children and young people was restricted to Edinburgh, Fife and Glasgow.