Local Government and Communities Committee

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

Submission from the Transition Edinburgh

Please find below the short submission from Transition Edinburgh.

We are a community-led network of organisations and individuals advocating a grassroots approach to tackling climate change. We are part of the global 1,500 strong Transition Network and the 150 strong Scottish Communities Climate Action Network.

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We would be happy to explore these issues with members of the committee.

Aligning Scotland's National Outcomes and the Sustainable Development Goals

1. There should be a statement of guiding principle that the National Outcomes and Sustainable Development Goals all contribute to the purpose of moving towards being carbon neutral by 2050, in support of the Climate Change Bill. It is not sustainable to continue to live with emission levels that risk climate change, and do nothing to help us meet the target of the Paris Accord.

2. Community engagement is an important component of this; resilient strong communities will be contributing to reducing the risks of climate change, creating more equal fairer societies with fewer people in poverty and enhancing natural environments with all the services that they provide. As communities are essential to achieving these goals more attention should be given to helping all communities respond to the challenges ahead.

3. The built environment is an asset to be protected, and many buildings need major enhancement to improve their environmental performance and the well-being of their users and dwellers.

We support each of these National Outcomes, but would like the relationships with sustainability made clear.

National Outcomes

We have strong, resilient and supportive communities where people take responsibility for their own actions and how they affect others.

We value and enjoy our built and natural environment and protect it and enhance it for future generations.
We take pride in a strong, fair and inclusive **national identity**.

We reduce the local and global **environmental impact** of our consumption and production.