

Public Service Reform Committee
Thursday 3 September 2026
3rd Meeting, 2026 (Session 7)

Delivering public sector reform

Note by the Clerk

1. At its meeting on 18 June 2026, the Committee agreed to invite expert stakeholders to its first meeting in September for a ‘scene-setting’ evidence session on delivering public sector reform. This will be the first evidence session held by the recently established Committee.
2. The session will explore witnesses’ views on the Scottish Government’s Public Service Reform Strategy¹ and progress towards realisation of the Christie Commission’s recommendations².
3. Evidence gathered from this session might also inform the Committee’s ongoing inquiry, [Pre-budget scrutiny 2027-28: how can the Scottish Budget best advance public service reform?](#)
4. The Committee also agreed to schedule a further evidence session on the same theme with the Cabinet Secretary for Public Service Reform.

Evidence

5. The Committee will hear from the following panel of witnesses—
 - Stephen Boyd, Director, Institute for Public Policy Research (IPPR) Scotland;
 - Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;
 - Dr Claire MacRae, Senior Lecturer, Public Policy, University of Glasgow.

Future meetings

6. The Committee intends to take evidence from Ivan McKee, the Cabinet Secretary for Public Service Reform, at its meeting on 10 September.

Committee Clerking Team
August 2026

¹ [Scotland’s Public Service Reform Strategy: Delivering for Scotland](#), published on 19 June 2025

² [Christie Commission on the future delivery of public services](#), published on 29 June 2011