

Health, Social Care and Sport Committee

3rd Meeting, 2022 (Session 6), Tuesday, 25 January 2022

National Planning Framework 4

Introduction

1. At this week's meeting, the Committee will take evidence on the draft '[National Planning Framework 4: The National Spatial Strategy](#)'.
2. The Health, Social Care and Sport Committee is one of a number of Scottish Parliament Committees undertaking scrutiny of the National Planning Framework 4 with the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee having overall lead responsibility.
3. Given the remit of the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee, this session will specifically focus on the impact of the proposed framework on health and wellbeing.

Background

4. The Scottish Government published a draft of its fourth National Planning Framework (NPF4) on 10 November 2021. This sets out the Scottish Government's proposed long-term plan for how Scotland's places and environments will be planned and designed until 2045.
5. The Draft NPF4 can be accessed here: [Draft NPF4 | Transforming Planning](#).

Scrutiny

6. The Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 (as amended by the Planning (Scotland) Act 2019) sets out the procedure for Parliamentary scrutiny of the NPF4 and stipulates in particular that the Parliament has 120 days to complete its scrutiny of the NPF4, not including recesses of more than 4 days.
7. On 17 November 2021, the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee issued a joint call for evidence on behalf of all Committees undertaking scrutiny of the National Planning Framework 4. This closed on 17 January 2022.
8. There were 101 responses to the joint call for evidence which can be viewed here: [Published responses for National Planning Framework \(NPF4\) - Scottish Parliament - Citizen Space](#)

Clerks to the Committee

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