

Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee

2nd Meeting, 2021 (Session 6)

Tuesday 31 August 2021

Priorities for Session 6 – Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Economy, Kate Forbes MSP

Introduction

1. The Committee's predecessor published a legacy report on areas it thought the Committee may wish to explore in Session 6:
 - [Local Government and Communities Committee, Legacy Report](#)
2. The Scottish Parliament's Information Centre (SPICe) also produced briefings on areas of interest over the new few years.
 - [Subject Briefing: Housing](#)
 - [Priorities for Session 6: Covid, Climate and the Constitution](#)
3. At its meeting on 29 June 2021, the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee agreed to hear from the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Economy on her priorities within her portfolio across session 6. It also agreed to explore themes of related to the Scottish Government's budget for 2022/23.
4. Ahead of the evidence session, the Committee wrote to the Cabinet Secretary seeking details of her priorities within her new portfolio.
 - [Letter from Convener, Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee to Kate Forbes MSP - Thursday 24 June 2021](#)
5. A response was received on 30 July 2021.
 - [Letter from Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery, Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Housing and Local Government and Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Economy to the Convener - 30 July 2021](#)

6. The Committee also wrote to various stakeholders requesting views on priorities within the Committee's remit.

- Letter from the Convener of the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee to various stakeholders – 1 July 2021

7. The stakeholders were:

- Scottish Association of Landlords
- Association of Local Authority Chief Housing Officers
- Chartered Institute of Housing Scotland
- Existing Homes Alliance
- Glasgow and West of Scotland Forum of Housing Associations
- CIPFA Local Government Directors of Finance (Scotland)
- COSLA
- Improvement Service
- Scottish Federation of Housing Associations
- Shelter Scotland
- Homes for Scotland
- Scottish Housing Regulator
- Scottish Community Alliance
- Scottish Community Development Centre
- Royal Town Planning Institute Scotland
- Heads of Planning Scotland
- Built Environment Forum Scotland
- Planning Democracy
- Electoral Commission
- Accounts Commission
- Living Rent
- Association of Public Service Excellence
- Local Government Information Unit

In addition, the Committee has also received correspondence on its priorities from:

- Scottish Renewables
- Shelter Scotland
- Lar Housing Trust
- Crisis

Copies of the responses can be found on the Committee's correspondence page.

<https://www.parliament.scot/chamber-and-committees/committees/correspondence?committeeSelect=7023c353-ca1a-4855-a104-7621f6ea6941>

Meeting

8. At the meeting, the Committee will have the opportunity to hear more about the Scottish Government's priorities from:

- Kate Forbes, Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Economy
- Fiona Simpson, Assistant Chief Planner and
- Bill Stitt, Team Leader, Revenue and Capital, Local Government Finance, Scottish Government

Clerk to the Committee

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