

# COVID-19 Recovery Committee

## 1st Meeting, 2023 (Session 6), Thursday 19 January 2023

### Monitoring COVID-19 recovery

#### Introduction

1. At this meeting, the Committee will take evidence on monitoring COVID recovery and the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development's (OECD) Recovery Dashboard from the following witness—

- Alfrun Tryggvadottir, Lead, Spending Review and Machinery of Government, OECD

2. The Committee will take evidence on the OECD's Covid Recovery Dashboard and consider in more detail what indicators could be used to measure and compare Scotland's recovery to OECD countries.

#### Pre-budget scrutiny

3. This session builds on the work undertaken by the Committee as part of its pre-budget scrutiny on how evidence-based policy evaluation and outcomes-based budgeting is being conducted in OECD countries.

4. The Committee previously heard from the OECD at its meeting on [22 September 2022](#) and the Committee [wrote](#) to the Scottish Government on 28 October 2022 on its pre-budget scrutiny, which referred to issues raised during this meeting.

5. In its letter, the Committee made the following recommendation—

- The Committee recommends that the Scottish Government considers the OECD COVID-19 Recovery Dashboard and explores whether Scotland could adopt a similar approach to monitoring its recovery from the pandemic.

6. On 20 December 2022, the Scottish Government [responded](#) to the Committee's recommendation, noting—

- “The OECD Covid-19 Recovery Dashboard considers outcomes that matter for the economy, for people and for the environment. Similarly, Scotland’s National Performance Framework (NPF) includes holistic outcomes related to our economy, environment, and collective wellbeing. The Scottish Government monitors progress towards these National Outcomes using 81 National Indicators which are collated on the NPF website. These indicators present a collective picture of Scotland’s performance and include economic measures as well as wider wellbeing measures, many of which are relevant to Scotland’s recovery from the pandemic.
- The Covid Recovery Strategy outcomes were informed by public engagement and focus on what matters to people in Scotland. The Scottish Government is working closely with partners to promote these outcomes and consider the progress we are making collectively to achieving them. We are using a range of data sources, including many National Indicators, to understand and monitor progress towards the Covid Recovery outcomes. The Scottish Government is also working with Public Health Scotland and the Improvement Service to consider the development of a dashboard to report on relevant indicators.”

### **Next steps**

7. The Committee will consider the evidence heard during the meeting as part of its year-round approach to budget scrutiny.

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