Public Audit Committee

20th Meeting, 2023 (Session 6), Thursday, 29 June 2023

Major Capital Projects

Introduction

1. At its meeting today, the Public Audit Committee will take evidence on the Scottish Government's most recent update on Major Capital Projects (MCP), which covers the six months' period ending March 2023.

Background

2. The Scottish Government began providing six-monthly update reports to the Session 3 Public Audit Committee on the progress of MCPs in 2009. This was in response to recommendations contained in its report, Major Capital Projects. The Session 6 Public Audit Committee agreed that it wished to continue to receive these six-monthly updates. This is the fifth update provided this session.

3. The Committee previously agreed that in order to provide greater focus for the MCP sessions, it would structure each scrutiny session around a specific theme of the Scottish Government's Infrastructure Improvement Plan (IIP).

4. On 30 June 2022, the Committee focussed its scrutiny of MCPs on the programmes and projects that fall under the 'Driving inclusive economic growth' theme of the IIP.

5. The focus of today's evidence session is on projects and programmes within the "Enabling the transition to net zero emissions and environmental sustainability" theme of the IIP. Key projects and programmes within this theme include—

   - Investment in domestic energy and efficiency and heat decarbonisation – £900 million

   - Future transport fund (including electric vehicle and bus infrastructure) – £800 million

   - Low Carbon Infrastructure Transition Programme (LCITP) – £400 million

- Sustainable and active travel – £350 million

- Forest and peatlands – £400 million

6. Further information about the Committee's scrutiny of MCP updates to date can be found on the [Committee's webpage](#).

Next steps

7. The Committee will decide any further action it wishes to take after it has taken evidence from Scottish Government officials.

Clerks to the Committee,
26 June 2023