



LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND REGENERATION COMMITTEE

The Committee is currently seeking evidence from interested parties on the Scottish Government's Draft Budget 2013-14.

Regeneration and economic development

This coming financial year will be the second of the current three-year spending review cycle. As a result, the Committee does not expect there to be significant changes in the budget settlement for local government for 2013-14, over and above the figures set out last year by the Government.

The Local Government and Regeneration Committee has agreed to focus its consideration of the Scottish Government Draft Budget 2013-14 on the area of regeneration policy. Given the approach we have adopted we have decided to begin our consultation in advance of the publication of the Draft Budget. The Scottish Government is due to publish the Draft Budget 2013-14 in September.

Themes of interest

Set out below are six themes on which the Committee is seeking your views. This is intended to be an open information gathering exercise. The questions set out below are intended to be a guide only. Please feel free to give us your views on any of these themes.

1 – What does 'regeneration' mean to you -?

The term 'regeneration' is a fairly open concept with a variety of possible interpretations. In the context of your role and circumstances, what constitutes 'regeneration'? What would you consider to be a successful outcome? Can you offer examples of successful or unsuccessful regeneration? The Committee are particularly interested in approaches which worked well and those which ultimately did not. Reasons for the outcome would be most welcome.

2 – The regeneration strategy, resources and funding

The Scottish Government's regeneration strategy '[Achieving a Sustainable Future](#)', set out various funding streams to support its delivery. Amongst these are the Regeneration Investment Fund; the Capital Investment Fund, (which comprises funding from the Regeneration Capital Grant Fund, SPRUCE (JESSICA) funding, and the Vacant and Derelict Land Fund); and the People and Communities Fund. Are these funds clearly defined and providing appropriate support for your needs?

How do you think the strategy is being implemented? Is the Scottish Government providing appropriate support to deliver the strategy, nationally or locally? What other support would assist you in delivery of, or engaging with, the strategy? Are there any barriers to delivery, and how could they be tackled?

3 – Regeneration, equalities and preventative spending

The Committee welcomes your views on how regeneration will contribute to the preventative spending agenda, as well as deliver on the recommendations of the Christie Commission. Examples of how regeneration could contribute to implementing Christie recommendations would be particularly welcome. In what ways can regeneration policy assist with the delivery of the equalities agenda and support the development of the most vulnerable sections of society?

4 – Regeneration and sustainable economic development

A principal aim of the Government's regeneration strategy is the stimulation of economic development. We would welcome your views on any examples of how this is happening nationally or locally, and information on any impediments to delivery.

5 – Community led regeneration and CPPs

The Government's concept of a successful regeneration strategy envisages that it should be community led and delivered. How realistic is this in your view? What will make this happen and what, if any, are the barriers in this regard? What is the appropriate role for community planning partnerships (CPPs) in delivering regeneration? Are you satisfied that all CPP partners are fully involved in and contributing to your local CPP's policies? Can you offer examples of how any Single Outcome Agreements seek to achieve regeneration and what outcomes/indicators it specifies?

6 – Regeneration and climate change targets

Is there any role that regeneration can or is playing that would assist towards the delivery of sustainable climate change targets?

How to submit written evidence

You may wish to respond to some or all of the specific questions set out above. Alternatively, you may wish to highlight issues that you consider to be of concern in relation to the Local Government and Regeneration budget. Evidence should be reasonably brief and typewritten (normally no more than six to eight sides of A4 in total).

The deadline for receipt of written submissions is **Monday 1 October 2012** in order that the Committee can take these into account in its report on the Draft Budget 2013-14.

The Committee prefers to receive written submissions electronically. These should be sent to lgr.committee@scottish.parliament.uk

You may also make hard copy written submissions to:

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