

Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee

Work Programme – June 2020

Introduction

The Committee agreed its work programme and scrutiny priorities on 23 June. The Committee will review this in September following publication of the Scottish Government commitments in the Programme for Government and when there is further information on EU exit regulations and preparations for the end of the transition period in December.

The Committee has [written](#) to the Scottish Government to seek an update on a number of issues.

Work Programme Priorities

The Committees work programme priorities are:

- [SG 2021/22 Budget](#)
- [EU Exit Legislation - SSIs, SIs, frameworks](#)
- [EU Exit Legislation - UK Withdrawal from the European Union \(Continuity\) \(Scotland\) Bill](#)
- [Green recovery and Climate Change Plan update \(CCPu\)](#)
- [Regional Marine Planning Inquiry](#)

Scottish Government Budget 2021/22: Scrutiny of the 2021/22 Budget will focus on green and sustainable recovery and how the 2021/22 Budget would support this and avoid locking in carbon. The Committee is also looking to identify the immediate priorities and funding needed in the ECCLR portfolio to deliver the recovery. Work on fiscal measures and the environment is in the process of being commissioned. The Committee continues to press the Scottish Government on the establishment of the joint Budget Working Group.

EU Exit SSIs and SI notifications: In the period to December 2020 the Committee anticipates considering a large number of EU exit SSIs and SI notifications, including the regulations and framework establishing a UK-ETS.

UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Bill: The Bill was introduced on 18 June 2020. The Finance and Constitution Committee (FCC) is the lead committee and the ECCLR Committee is designated as the secondary committee. The ECCLR Committee will report to the FCC before the end September. A [call for views](#) has been issued and oral evidence sessions are scheduled in August/September.

Covid-19: Green and sustainable recovery: The Committee has launched an inquiry into a green recovery which will support the Committee's budget scrutiny and underpin scrutiny of the Climate Change Plan update. A [call for views](#) has been issued and oral evidence sessions are scheduled in August/September.

Updated Climate Change Plan (CCPu): The CCPu is expected in December. The Committee's work on Green recovery will inform scrutiny of the CCPu and the Committee will re-engage with other parliamentary committees in due course.

Regional Marine Planning (RMP): The Committee has agreed an interim report and has written to stakeholders seeking views on the report. Following the October recess the Committee will schedule sessions with stakeholders and the Cabinet Secretary and report by the end of the year.

Other referred work

Petitions: Hare management, grouse moor management, greyhound racing: The Committee will consider its approach to the petitions in September.

The Welfare of Dogs (Scotland) Bill: This Bill was introduced by Christine Grahame MSP on 1 June 2020. The ECCLR Committee has been designated as the lead committee. The Welfare of Dogs (Scotland) Bill As Introduced, the Policy Memorandum, Explanatory Notes, Financial Memorandum and Statement on Legislative Competence can be found on the [Bill page on the Parliament website](#). The Committee will discuss its scope to consider the Bill in September.

Other work

Following the summer recess the Committee will consider its approach to a number of issues, including those highlighted in the [letter to the Scottish Government](#) and:

- **EU exit risks**
- **Biodiversity**
- **The Scottish Parliament's Climate Change Action Plan**
- **The Annual Wildlife Crime Review**
- **Human rights and the environment**