

Public Petitions Committee

Vision Statement

The Scottish Parliament's public petitions process provides an opportunity for members of the public to raise awareness of an issue or try to change something about the way things work in Scotland.

The overriding aim of the Public Petitions Committee is to make the petitions process open and accessible to all.

The Committee will focus its efforts on issues:

- Considering matters which otherwise may not receive attention. This includes issues which may affect a small number of people but have a significant impact on the quality of their lives.
- That are not being considered elsewhere in the Scottish Parliament.
- Where the Committee believes its involvement can make the most difference.

The Committee will:

- Consider every petition which meets the Committee's guidelines, regardless of whether a petitioner has chosen to collect signatures.
- Seek feedback from petitioners about their experiences of petitioning the Scottish Parliament.
- Continue to seek ways to improve the way in which the public petitions system works.

In doing so, the Committee will seek to:

- Remove any barriers that may prevent people creating a petition.
- Regularly review who is, and who is not, petitioning the Scottish Parliament and explore the potential reasons why.

This vision statement covers the period 2020-21.