

Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee

1st Meeting, 2022 (Session 6)

Tuesday 11 January 2022

Budget (Scotland) Bill

Background

1. On 9 December 2021 the Scottish Government introduced the [Budget \(Scotland\) Bill](#).
2. The Budget Bill is how the Parliament agrees public spending in Scotland. A Budget Bill is introduced to the Parliament every year.
3. This budget is for the financial year 2022-23.
4. The Committee wrote to the Scottish Government in October making recommendations on matters the Scottish Government should take into account in the preparation of the budget. A copy of that letter can be accessed via the link below.

<https://www.parliament.scot/chamber-and-committees/committees/current-and-previous-committees/session-6-local-government-housing-and-planning/correspondence/2021/pre-budget-letter>

5. The Scottish Government responded to that letter on 21 December noting how it had reflected on the Committee's letter in the development of the budget this year. A copy of that letter can be accessed via the link below.

<https://www.parliament.scot/chamber-and-committees/committees/current-and-previous-committees/session-6-local-government-housing-and-planning/correspondence/2021/pre-budget-scrutiny-2022-23>

Committee consideration of the Regulations

6. At its meeting on 14 December 2021, the Committee agreed that it wished to take oral evidence to consider how the Budget Bill responds to the recommendations the Committee made in its letter.
7. At this meeting the Committee will be taking evidence from:

- UNISON
- COSLA and SOLACE
- the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Economy and the Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Housing and Local Government.

Clerks

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