
Report To:	Policy & Resources Committee	Date:	16 November 2021
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Subject:	Programme for Government 2021-22		

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide the Committee with a summary of the document which was published by the Scottish Government on 07 September 2021 – “A Fairer, Greener Scotland: Programme for Government 2021-2022” and a comparison with the previous year’s programme for government.

2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 On 07 September 2021 the Scottish Government issued its strategy “A Fairer, Greener Scotland: Programme for Government 2021/2022”.
- 2.2 The document focuses on 6 chapters namely: A Caring Society; Scotland as a Land of Opportunity; A Net Zero Nation; An Economy that works for all of Scotland’s People and Places; Living Better and Scotland in the World.
- 2.3 The document sets out the details of the Scottish Government’s spending proposals in the forthcoming year, fiscal context and legislative programme for 2021/22 and can be seen following the link in Para 4.5.
- 2.4 Officers have made comparisons between the previous programme for government and the current programme for government as well as notionally allocating responsibility to develop interventions in line with potential funding source. This table is contained in Appendix 1.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 It is recommended that the Committee note the new Scottish Government “A Fairer, Greener Scotland: Programme for Government 2021/2022”, further note the allocation of the responsibility and agree to appropriate reports being presented to relevant Committees in due course.

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4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 The new Programme for Government sets out 6 areas for intervention the caring society focuses on health and social care issues. Scotland as a Land of Opportunity seeks to support young people as well as promoting a fair and equal society. The Net Zero section aims to help end Scotland's contribution to climate change, restore nature and enhance climate resilience in a just and fair way and the Economy section aims to provide a green sustainable and prosperous recovery. The Living Better chapter aims to support thriving resilient and diverse economies and the final section Scotland and the World looks at democratic participation at home and abroad.
- 4.2 The programme asserts that leading Scotland out of the pandemic, which includes continuing the mass vaccination programme and preparing for a booster campaign in the Autumn, remains the foremost priority; and that it sits alongside an overarching message to rebuilding a stronger, more resilient health and care system centered on people; renewing the drive to eradicate child poverty and improving living standards; pending Scotland's contribution to climate change and building a wellbeing economy which secures sustainable, inclusive growth for everyone.
- 4.3 The programme continues by acknowledging that the collective approach that categorises the response to the pandemic must be the same for the upcoming challenges and opportunities.
- 4.4 Officers from Regeneration & Planning and Corporate Policy have compared the previous Programme for Government with the new Programme for Government and this is contained in Appendix 1. Suggestions have been made in respect of ownership for initiatives which may be developed within an Inverclyde context.
- 4.5 The full Programme for Government can be found in the following link:
<https://www.gov.scot/publications/fairer-greener-scotland-programme-government-2021-22/>

5.0 IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Finance

Financial Implications:

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	Budget Years	Proposed Spend this Report	Virement From	Other Comments
N/A.					

Annually Recurring Costs/ (Savings)

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	With Effect from	Annual Net Impact	Virement From (If Applicable)	Other Comments
N/A.					

5.2 Legal

There are no legal implications other than as noted within this report.

5.3 Human Resources

N/A.

5.4 Equalities

Equalities

(a) Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out?

<input type="checkbox"/>	YES
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO – This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a substantive change to an existing policy, function or strategy. Therefore, no Equality Impact Assessment is required

(b) Fairer Scotland Duty

If this report affects or proposes any major strategic decision:-

Has there been active consideration of how this report's recommendations reduce inequalities of outcome?

<input type="checkbox"/>	YES – A written statement showing how this report's recommendations reduce inequalities of outcome caused by socio-economic disadvantage has been completed.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO

(c) Data Protection

Has a Data Protection Impact Assessment been carried out?

<input type="checkbox"/>	YES –
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO - This report does not involve data processing which may result in a high risk to the rights and freedoms of individuals.

5.5 **Repopulation**

N/A.

6.0 **CONSULTATION**

6.1 N/A.

7.0 **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

7.1 N/A.

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Programme for Government 2020	Programme for Government 2021	Director / Head of Service	Commentary	Further action
<p>A £60 million Youth Guarantee, so every young person aged between 16 and 24 will be guaranteed an opportunity at university or college, an apprenticeship programme, employment including work experience, or participating in a formal volunteering programme. This will be backed by additional funding for apprenticeships and the new Job Start Grant</p>	<p>Continue to deliver our Young Person’s Guarantee – providing a job, a place in education or training, or a formal volunteering opportunity for every young person</p>	<p>Stuart Jamieson</p>		
<p>A £25 million National Transition Training Fund aimed at bridging the skills gap between those facing unemployment and sectors with greatest potential for future growth, including focus on provision of green skills in areas of immediate demand like heat and energy efficiency</p>	<p>Provide up to £20 million through the National Transition Training Fund, creating up to 20,000 additional training opportunities.</p>	<p>Stuart Jamieson</p>		
<p>Create a £100 million Green Jobs fund, investing alongside a range of sectors – such as manufacturing, tech, and land based organisations – to support new and increased opportunities for green job creation across Scotland</p>	<p>Build a net zero economy that is fair for all, and create opportunities for new, good and green jobs, introducing Just Transition plans for all sectors and regions</p> <p>Invest an additional £500m to support the new, good and green jobs of the future, including upskilling and reskilling people to access those.</p>	<p>Stuart Jamieson</p>		

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Set out the first tranche of our £2 billion Low Carbon Fund, including: helping to secure investment of £1.6 billion over the next Parliament in heat and energy efficiency in our homes and buildings, delivering a £100 million Green Jobs Fund, and providing £60 million for industrial decarbonisation	Provide at least £1.8bn over the course of this Parliament to make our homes easier and greener to heat, and progress our commitment to decarbonise 1 million homes by 2030	Stuart Jamieson		
A new Inward investment strategy, to give people new skills, and attract investment and jobs into Scotland, with the potential to generate 100,000 high value jobs over the next decade	An Inward Investment Plan targets 100,000 jobs from inward investment over the next decade. Develop a programme of strategic Ministerial engagement with leading inward investors to promote and encourage further investment. With Scottish Development International and regional partners we will develop Regional Inward Investment Propositions in support of our national offer to inward investors.	Stuart Jamieson		
Provide over £500 million over five years for large scale, transformational active travel infrastructure projects, access to bikes and behaviour change schemes	Ensure that at least £320m or 10% of the total transport budget goes on active travel by 2024-25, ensuring greener, cleaner and better connected communities	Stuart Jamieson		

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A £62 million Energy Transition Fund to support businesses in the oil, gas and energy sectors over the next five years as they grow and diversify, and help attract private sector investment in the North East	Invest in a just transition to a low-carbon economy, for people and businesses, including a £500m Just Transition Fund for the North East and Moray and a £100m Green Jobs Fund	Stuart Jamieson		
Complete the delivery of 50,000 affordable homes as quickly as it is safe to do so, and set out a 20 year vision for energy efficient, zero carbon housing, with access to outdoor space, transport links, digital connectivity and community services	Give everyone a safe, warm place to call home, delivering 110,000 affordable homes across Scotland by 2032, investing an additional £50m over the Parliament to tackle homelessness and rough sleeping, and strengthening tenants' rights in rented sector	Stuart Jamieson		
An additional £2.35 million for the Parental Employability Support Fund for those most at-risk of poverty, including disabled, young, and ethnic minority parents	Provide over £8.65 million for the Parental Employability Support Fund (PESF), and invest at least a further £15 million across 2022-24.	Stuart Jamieson		

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Delivering a revolution in children's rights, by fully and directly incorporating the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child into Scots law	Deliver a revolution in children's rights, including across the justice system	Ruth Binks		
Ensure our young people catch up on any lost education due to Covid-19 with £135 million additional investment. This will include funding to recruit 1400 additional teachers and 200 support staff and help close the poverty related attainment gap	Invest a further £1bn over the Parliament to tackle the poverty related attainment gap, and support the recruitment of over 3,500 additional teachers and 500 classroom assistants. Take action to reduce the cost of the school day, and ensure children can access the subjects and opportunities they want regardless of family income.	Ruth Binks		
Open applications for our new Scottish Child Payment in November 2020, with the first payments made in February 2021	Drive forward a national mission to end child poverty – rolling out Scottish Child Payment to children under 16 by end of 2022 and doubling it to £20 per week as quickly as possible thereafter	Alan Puckrin Ruth Binks	<u>Welfare Reform Group which includes SSSA membership review progress locally and considering ways of increasing uptake.</u>	<u>Continue to monitor and report via P&R Committee</u>
Deliver increased early learning and childcare and set a new target date for the expansion of childcare to 1,140 hours for	Expand early year learning and childcare to 1 and 2 year olds – starting in this Parliament with	Ruth Binks		

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all three and four year olds, and vulnerable two year olds, across all local authorities by the end of 2020	children from low income households			
Commit an additional £23m this year to help more digitally excluded people get online – providing both devices and internet connections. This will bring the total number of people supported to 50,000 by the end of the year and create a World-Class Digital Eco-system in Scotland	<p>Extending the Connecting Scotland programme to get 300,000 households online by March 2026.</p> <p>Provide £100m over this Parliament in a range of Programmes to increase digital capacity and capability of business</p>	Ruth Binks		

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Improve access to community based health services through the launch of Pharmacy First, accelerating the rollout of our Community Treatment and Assessment Centres, and of our COVID-19 hubs	Expand the positive work done by the NHS Pharmacy First service – backed by £7.5 million investment in 2021-22, rising to £10 million by 2022-23	Allen Stevenson		
Immediately establish an independent review of adult social care. This will examine how adult social care can most effectively be reformed to deliver a national approach to care and support services. This will report by January 2021.	Undertake the single biggest public service reform since the founding of NHS – the creation of a National Care Service (June 2022 legislation for its establishment)	Allen Stevenson		
Publish a Mental Health Transition and Recovery Plan in autumn 2020	Improve national wellbeing with increased investment in mental health – at least 25% over this parliament.	Allen Stevenson		
Expand digital access to health care to ensure more people can get the treatment they need	Scale up digital care <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Develop a safe and secure digital app. It will be introduced by the end of this Parliament, following public consultation and engagement. - develop a digital prescription service 	Allen Stevenson		

PROGRAMME FOR GOVERNMENT

New Commitments within Programme of Government 2021

Programme for Government 2021	Director / Head of Service	Commentary	
Increase frontline health spend each year so it is at least £2.5bn higher by 2026 and increases primary care spend by 25% - Invest £10bn on health infrastructure over the next decade.	Allen Stevenson		
Tackle the drugs death emergency with £250m investment over this Parliament, ensuring better outreach, treatment, rehabilitation, and aftercare services in every local authority	Allen Stevenson		
Starting this year (2021), invest £100m to support frontline services and focus on prevention of violence against women and girls from school onward.	Ruth Binks		
Build a new system of wraparound childcare for school age children by the end of this Parliament	Ruth Binks		
Intend to secure a referendum on Scottish Independence	Alan Puckrin		