

National Performance Framework: Inquiry into proposed National Outcomes - consultation

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BEFS will be responding only to relevant questions of the consultation, as below:

Updated National Performance Framework purpose

1. What are your views of this updated purpose for the National Performance Framework?

Not answered

Which National Outcomes are you considering in your responses?

Which National Outcomes are you responding to in this consultation?

COMMUNITIES - We live in communities that are connected, inclusive, empowered, resilient and safe,
ENVIRONMENT - We actively protect, restore, enhance and enjoy our natural environment, HOUSING - We live in safe, high-quality and affordable homes that meet our needs.

The National Performance Framework and National Outcomes

2. In your view, do the proposed National Outcomes match the purpose of the National Performance Framework? Please explain your answer.

Broadly agree that all outcomes contribute towards the NPF's purpose, however feel the removal of reference to a sustainable and inclusive Scotland is regrettable.

3. What do you think of the changes being proposed?

BEFS welcomes the inclusion of housing but would consider specific reference to 'sustainable' housing useful, to enable the drive to recognise re-use of existing homes and infrastructure (as well as a fabric first approach and retrofit) towards addressing the housing crisis and net zero targets.

4. Are there any policy priorities that should be reflected in the proposed National Outcomes but which, you consider, are not?

As above. Further, BEFS would consider that communities, the environment and housing are key aspects of effective placemaking; our existing built environment is a valuable resource and asset that should be included when considering wellbeing. Omission of a specific reference is felt to be an oversight and could create barriers towards holistic policy making.

5. What are your views on the Scottish Government's consultation on the proposed National Outcomes?

Not answered

The role of the National Outcomes in reducing inequalities

6. How do you think the proposed National Outcomes will impact on inequality?

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Not answered

UN Sustainable Development Goals

7. Do you think the proposed National Outcomes align with the UN Sustainable Development Goals? Please explain your answer.

BEFS considers that the National Outcomes align with UN Sustainable Development Goals.

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Joined-up policy making

8. To what extent do the proposed National Outcomes support joined-up policy making in Scotland?

As stated, BEFS would consider that our existing built environment is a valuable resource and asset that should be included when considering wellbeing. Omission of a specific reference is felt to be an oversight and could create barriers towards holistic policy making.

Implementing the National Performance Framework

9. What should the implementation plan contain to make sure that the National Outcomes are used in decision-making?

Not answered

BEFS responses to a number of Consultations in relation to the Built Environment can be found at:

<https://www.befs.org.uk/resources/consultations/>

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