



PREPARING ASSEMBLY RECOMMENDATIONS

SUMMARY OF ALL ASSEMBLY EVIDENCE

Introduction

This note provides links to the full range of evidence provided to members across the course of the Assembly process. All evidence is published on the website, alongside the livestream recordings of evidence sessions. Weekend reports, which include summary accounts of the evidence, are also listed below.

Weekend 1 Scotland's demographics and constitutional issues

Presentations

- [Professor Nicola McEwen slides](#) on powers and decisions
- Conveners' 'The Scotland We Know, the Scotland we don't know' presentation [text](#) and [slides](#)

Supporting papers

Constitution Fact Sheets prepared by Professor Nicola McEwen to address the majority of questions raised by Assembly members during her session on constitutional considerations:

- Constitution Series 1.1: [What Powers does the Scottish Parliament have?](#)
- Constitution Series 1.2: [How are Decisions made for and about Scotland?](#)
- Constitution Series 1.3: [What are the Main Options for Constitutional Change for Scotland?](#)
- Constitution Series 1.4: [How are Decisions over Scotland's Constitutional Status Taken?](#)
- [Explanation of terms](#) relating to the constitution

Weekend 1 report: available [here](#).

Weekend 2 Vision

Presentations

- Phil Allan, 3x1: [Trusted sources: A brief guide to the press & modern media](#)
- Kaela Scott, Involve: [Evidence: How do we ensure we have informed conversations?](#)
- George Bangham, Resolution Foundation: [What makes a good life?](#)
- Dr Elke Heins, University of Edinburgh: [Values - What makes a good country?](#)

Weekend 2 report: available [here](#)



Weekend 3 Sustainability, Politicians Panel and Constitutional issues

Presentations

- Convener [introductory remarks \(slides\)](#) on sustainability
- Constitutional session with Dr Chris McCorkingdale and Dr Alan Renwick, and the politicians panel (all available on the [livestream](#))

Supporting papers

- Presentations from sustainability speakers can be viewed in the livestream. A summary of their positions can be found in the [Overview Paper on Sustainability](#) while a more detailed account can be found in their position papers:
 - [Employment / Employability is the core of what drives a true inclusive economy](#) (Sandy Begbie CBE)
 - [Building a Wellbeing Economy that Serves social and environmental goals](#) (Dr Katherine Trebeck)
 - [Delivering Scotland's climate change targets](#) (Dr Andy Kerr)
- Sustainability fact sheets provided by the Scottish Government and the Carnegie UK Trust are noted below:
 - [National Performance Framework and Sustainable Development Goals](#)
 - [Societal Wellbeing](#) (the Carnegie UK Trust)

Weekend 3 report: available [here](#)

Weekend 4 Finances and Tax

Presentations

Presentation footage can be viewed in livestream while the presentation slides are outlined below:

Overview of Scotland's Finances:

- [Scotland's Finances – where the money comes from, & where it goes](#) (Fraser McKinlay, Audit Scotland)
- [Taxation and Government spending in Scotland](#) (Professor David Bell CBE, University of Stirling)

Overview on Taxation:

- [Tax : a primer](#) (David Phillips, Institute for Fiscal Studies)
- [Scotland's Tax System](#) (Charlotte Barbour, Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland)

Tax Choices:

- [Delivering environmental, economic and social impacts through tax?](#) (Russell Gunson, Institute of Public Policy Research Scotland)
- [Taxes to change behaviour and support public policy objectives](#) (Laurie MacFarlane, Institute for Innovation and Public Purpose at University College of London)
- [The Goldilocks Principle: A principled approach to tax by business](#) (Ewan MacDonald-Russell, Scottish Retail Consortium)



Supporting papers

- [Introductory Note for weekend 4](#) – summarising the topic, the evidence to be presented and member comments on the topic across previous sessions
- [Scotland's Finances: Explanation of Terms and useful materials](#) explains key finances and taxation terms
- [factsheet on the Tax Education Gap](#), drawing on survey data, has been prepared to explain the gap in the public's knowledge about tax and the importance of tax education

Weekend 4 report available [here](#)

Weekend 5 Impacts and ideas to respond to COVID

Presentations

Videos played during the Assembly:

- Journey so far member [video](#)
- [Reflections on the impact of COVID](#)
- [Responding to COVID: ideas about the future](#)

Supporting papers

The 'Journey so far' materials summarising work in weekend 1 – 4, comprising:

- [Interim report](#)
- [Vision](#) paper
- [Challenges](#) paper
- [Constitution](#) paper

The 'Journey to come' materials summarising horizon scanning work on the impacts of and big ideas to respond to the pandemic, comprising:

- A [horizon scanning overview](#) paper and video and more detailed summary papers and videos of the three strands of this work:
 - COVID - [Economy, public finances and social impact](#) paper and video
 - COVID - [Environmental sustainability](#) paper and video
 - COVID – [How decision are taken](#) paper and video
- [Speaker catch ups](#) – videos of previous speakers reflecting on the impacts of the pandemic

Weekend 5 report – available [here](#)

Weekend 6 Vision

Supporting papers

In advance of weekend 6, members were sent a link to a [Citizen Participation presentation](#) by Anthony Zacharzewski (from The Democratic Society and the Assembly design and facilitation team) who discussed a range of citizen participation approaches.

Weekend 6 report – available [here](#)