



Scottish Government: A Plan for Scotland – The Government’s Programme for Scotland 2016-17

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Report by Assistant Chief Executive (Operations)

1. Object of report

To inform the Partnership of the publication of ‘A Plan for Scotland – The Government’s Programme for Scotland 2016-17’ by the Scottish Government in September 2016.

2. Background

The Scottish Government’s Programme for Scotland 2016-17¹ sets out their priorities for the coming year and an indication of future priorities over the lifetime of the current Parliament. The Programme gives an outline of proposed future legislation and investment across a wide range of sectors.

3. Outline of proposals

3.1 Key items of direct interest for SPT from the Government’s programme include:

- A new National Transport Strategy and Strategic Transport Projects Review;
- A new Transport Bill (later in the current Parliament, likely to include bus services, ticketing);
- The Railway Policing Bill;
- The Islands Bill;
- A new Climate Change Plan and Energy Plan;
- Review of the role of the Scottish Road Works Commissioner;
- Support for a Members Bill for seatbelts on school transport;
- Further roll out of smartcard ticketing, exploiting investment already made on the Subway and ScotRail;
- An update of the Cycling Action Plan for Scotland;
- A new Scottish Rural Infrastructure Plan;
- A new Planning Bill;

¹ The full programme can be viewed at: <http://www.gov.scot/Resource/0050/00505210.pdf>

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- Revision of terms for reimbursement to operators for participation in the National Concessionary Travel Scheme, and free travel for apprentices under 21 and for first 3 months for those receiving new Job Grant; and
- The Gender Balance on Public Boards Bill.

4. Conclusion

The Scottish Government's programme outlines their key priorities for the year ahead and indicates future areas for development in the longer term. Officers will continue to monitor the development of the above items and any other areas of interest for SPT and partners and advise the Partnership of any issues as they arise.

5. Partnership action

The Partnership is recommended to note the contents of this report.

6. Consequences

Policy consequences	<i>None at present.</i>
Legal consequences	<i>None at present.</i>
Financial consequences	<i>None at present.</i>
Personnel consequences	<i>None at present.</i>
Equalities consequences	<i>None at present.</i>
Risk consequences	<i>None at present.</i>

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