

PE1606/B

Local Government and Communities Committee Letter of 26 September 2016

CONSIDERATION OF PETITION [PE1606](#) (Forcing Scottish councils to collaborate regionally on schools and roads)

Thank you for your letter of 16 September 2016 in relation to PE1606, seeking an indication of how public sector reform might fit into the Committee's work programme for this parliamentary session.

The Committee has no immediate or specific plans for looking at public service reform, however, at its meeting on 29 June 2016, the Minister for Local Government and Housing reiterated the Scottish Government's commitment to consult on and introduce a Bill "that will decentralise local authority functions, budget and democratic oversight to local communities."

Given the content and breadth of any such bill has yet to be announced, it is anticipated that this Bill and its related scrutiny may impact on the Committee's longer term work programme and therefore maybe nearer the end of the session.

Should you have any further questions, then please do get in touch.

Kind regards,

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