
Invitation opens to contribute towards advising on Scotland's infrastructure landscape

- First call for evidence launched -

The first of a number of rounds of engagement seeking the opinions and perspectives of individuals, organisations and bodies on Scotland's future infrastructure priorities has today (5 March 2019) been launched by the Infrastructure Commission for Scotland (ICS).

The ICS has been established to provide Scottish Government with independent, informed advice on the vision, ambition and priorities for a long-term, 30-year strategy for infrastructure in Scotland, to meet its future economic growth and societal needs.

Following the appointment of ICS' Commissioners on 11 February, the ICS has now published its Initial Call for Evidence and Contributions.

The first phase of engagement is asking a number of questions focusing on what the strategic drivers to inclusive growth and a low carbon economy are; the appropriateness of current infrastructure to meet supply and demand; and the different approaches taken to infrastructure assessment and prioritisation.

The Commissioners are keen to hear the views of those who use, plan, manage, maintain, finance and deliver infrastructure, including their thoughts on aspects that are devolved to Scotland, as well as those that remain reserved with UK government.

The infrastructure sectors about which the ICS is interested in gaining responses include - transport, energy, water, telecoms, digital and the internet as well as housing, education, health, justice, culture and tourism, waste management, flood prevention and public services such as emergency services and resilience.

Ian Russell, chair of the Infrastructure Commission for Scotland, said: "We are keen to hear from individuals, organisations and bodies working across all elements and aspects of infrastructure.

"This is a rare opportunity to contribute towards advising on the long-term strategy for Scotland's vital infrastructure.

"This first phase of engagement will also allow us to shape future engagement phases that aim to capture the expertise and opinions of people from across industry, business, the public sector, academia, civic society and the wider public."

The deadline for submissions to the Initial Call for Evidence and Contributions is **Friday 3 May 2019**.

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