

## PARLIAMENTARY BUREAU

### REFERRAL OF DRAFT PROPOSAL FOR THE SCHOOLS (RESIDENTIAL OUTDOOR EDUCATION) (SCOTLAND) BILL

1. A draft proposal for a Schools (Residential Outdoor Education) (Scotland) Bill was lodged on 28 April 2022 by Liz Smith MSP
2. The proposal is for a Bill to ensure that young people have the opportunity to experience residential outdoor education.
3. The draft proposal is accompanied by a consultation document which runs from 29 April 2022 to 22 July 2022.
4. In terms of Standing Orders (Rule 9.14.5) the Parliamentary Bureau is required to refer the draft proposal to a committee (or committees) within whose remit the subject matters falls.
5. This referral is for information only – there is no expectation that the committee will scrutinise or report on the draft proposal at this stage.
6. The proposal falls within the remit of the following committee.

Committee	Remit and relevance
Education, Children and Young People Committee	To consider and report on matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills and matters relating to the Historical Abuse Inquiry within the responsibility of the Deputy First Minister.
Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee	To consider and report on matters relating to local government, housing and planning falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Housing and Local Government and the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Economy, and matters relating to the Local Government Boundary Commission and local governance review and democratic renewal within the responsibility of the Deputy First Minister.

7. The proposed Bill will ensure that young people have the opportunity to experience residential outdoor education. It is proposed that only young people attending schools under the management of an education authority (local council) and grant aided schools, which receive funding from the Scottish Government, will have access to this entitlement.

8. While the proposal engages both the remits of the Education, Children and Young People Committee and the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee, it seems that the remit of the Education, Children and Young People Committee is the most appropriate.

**Recommendation**

9. The Bureau is invited to refer the draft proposal on the Schools (Residential Outdoor Education) (Scotland) Bill to the Education, Children and Young People Committee.

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