

## **Education and Culture Committee**

### **Public bodies – Spending decisions and outcomes**

The Committee has raised a number of generic issues with all five organisations and these are available below.

Issues to be addressed, as appropriate, by all five bodies:

- The role of your organisation in seeking to narrow the educational attainment gap in schools.
- The extent to which your organisation, in seeking to deliver relevant Scottish Government priorities, has autonomy over spending and policy decisions.
- The measures your organisation takes to evaluate the impact and effectiveness of its work, and to report on this in as transparent and accessible a manner as possible.
- How your organisation, in seeking to work in partnership to deliver national objectives, can still be held accountable for its particular contribution.
- How your organisation's key spending programmes – both individual and collective (i.e. with other agencies or bodies) – help to achieve relevant outcomes in the National Performance Framework.
- In light of budget pressures, how effectively your organisation undertakes long-term financial planning.
- The key future challenges for your organisation and the steps you are taking to address them.
- The role played by your organisation in advance of its budgetary allocations being published in Scottish Government draft budgets.