

Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee

2nd Meeting, 2022 (Session 6), Wednesday, 2
February 2022

PE1862: Introduce community representation
on boards of public organisations delivering
lifeline services to island communities

Note by the Clerk

Lodged	24 March 2021
Petitioners	Rona MacKay, Angus Campbell & Naomi Bremner on behalf of Uist Economic Task Force
Petition summary	Calling on the Scottish Parliament to urge the Scottish Government to introduce community representation on boards of public organisations delivering lifeline services to island communities, in keeping with the Islands (Scotland) Act 2018.
Webpage	https://petitions.parliament.scot/petitions/PE1862

Introduction

1. This is a continued petition that was last considered by the Committee at its meeting on [1 September 2021](#).
2. At that meeting, the Committee discussed the Scottish Government submission of [8 June 2021](#) whereby the Scottish Government explained that the requirements for the appointments to a public body board are set out in the public body's founding legislation.
3. The Committee highlighted that there was *"nothing in the Scottish Government's submission to suggest that it has any plans to amend founding legislation for public*

bodies on the basis that lifeline services to island communities require community representation on their boards”.

4. The Committee therefore agreed to write to the Scottish Government to clarify whether it had any plans to amend founding legislation for public bodies which provide lifeline services to island communities, to require community representation on their boards.
5. To date no response from the Scottish Government has been received.

Action

6. The Committee is invited to consider what action it wishes to take.

Clerk to the Committee