

Education, Children and Young People Committee

Wednesday 25 September 2024
24th Meeting, 2024 (Session 6)

Public Petition - PE1747: Adequate funding to support children with additional support needs in all Scottish Schools

Introduction

1. A petition to the Scottish Parliament must be asking for something that is within the powers of the Parliament. It must also be relevant to the whole country rather than a local or individual matter.
2. Every petition is considered by the Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee (CPPPC), which then determines which action to take.
3. One of the actions that the CPPPC can take is to refer a petition to another Committee.

Petition PE1747

4. [PE1747: Adequate funding to support children with additional support needs in all Scottish Schools](#), was published on 5 August 2019 and referred to the Education and Skills Committee in August 2020. It was carried over into the new Parliamentary session and is currently under consideration by the Education, Children and Young People Committee.
5. This petition calls on the Scottish Parliament to urge the Scottish Government to provide adequate funding to support children with additional support needs in all Scottish schools (Primary, Secondary and Special).
6. The Committee had previously agreed to consider this petition as part of its future work programme and later agreed to consider the issues raised in the petition as part of its inquiry into Additional Support for Learning (ASL).
7. The Committee kept the petitioner updated throughout its ASL inquiry. The Committee has now published its [report](#) and received the [Scottish Government's response](#) and a [response from Audit Scotland](#). A chamber debate on the inquiry will take place on 25 September 2024.
8. Given the Committee has now concluded its work in this area, it is suggested that the Committee closes the petition. In doing so, the Committee could write to the Petitioner to provide a copy of the Official Report of the debate on 25 September 2024.

For decision

9. The Committee is invited to close the petition.

**Clerks to the Education, Children and Young People Committee
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