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Dear Convener,

Publication of the Future Trends for Scotland Report

Today, we are publishing the [findings from the Scottish Government's Horizon Scanning project](#). The "Future Trends for Scotland" report and the accompanying Trend pack describe the 60 trends likely to be important to Scotland over the next 10 to 20 years. This publication does not cover potential policy or strategy implications and is not a statement of government policy or intention, rather it is about providing open analysis to spark reflection and guide decisions in a complex interconnected world.

Publishing the findings from the project fulfils the commitment made to the Finance and Public Administration Committee, will contribute to a wider debate about trends affecting Scotland in the future and will support other organisations and our partners in their own work in planning for the opportunities and plausible future risks.

I trust this additional information is helpful to the Committee.

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