### ECONOMY AND FAIR WORK COMMITTEE

# 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting, 2021 (Session 6), Wednesday 29 September 2021

## **Evidence Session**

#### Introduction

1. This paper has been produced for the Economy and Fair Work Committee to aid Committee members during the evidence session.

2. The purpose of the session is to receive an update on the Scottish Government's plans and policies for promoting economic recovery including the planned economic strategy.

#### Witnesses

- 3. The Committee will hear from—
  - Kate Forbes MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Economy;
  - Gary Gillespie, Chief Economist;
  - Helena Gray, Interim Director Fair Work, Employability and Skills; and
  - Colin Cook, Director of Economic Development, Scottish Government.

4. During the summer recess, the Convener <u>wrote to the Cabinet Secretary</u> regarding support for Covid-19 recovery. The Cabinet Secretary's response can be found <u>here</u>.

5. Ahead of the evidence session, the Convener <u>wrote again to the Cabinet Secretary</u> requesting a written update on various issues including; common frameworks. The Cabinet Secretary's response can be found <u>here</u>.

#### Aim of evidence session

6. The aim of the evidence session is to—

- consider policies and actions needed to promote economic recovery; and
- inform the Committee's input to the Scottish Government's budget for 2022-23.

Clerk to the Committee 24 September 2021