

**Roundtable on National Performance Framework, with John Swinney, 18 April 2013**  
**Report back for LINK (internal note) from Deborah Long**

Roundtable participants as listed over; Deborah Long attended for LINK.

The discussion went well, had a positive vibe. Wide support was voiced around the table for the NPF as a concept and approach and strong support to Scottish Government to maintain this. Those present made it clear that there is a way to go, if the NPF is to do what is intended.

Carnegie raised concern that this good initiative might be 'turfed out' by an incoming administration, and though MSPs present indicated that there is cross-party support, the Carnegie rep, privately, indicated doubt on that score.

There was some development of separate camps. Carnegie's good presentation pressed for the 'dashboard approach' to measuring progress against the NPF. A different view came from NEF and Glasgow Caledonian – to move away from the dashboard approach and rely on individual indicators.

All present agreed that GDP is failing as an overall target on its own, but also that it does have a place as part of a suite of wider Indicators. All agreed these should include indicators for environment and for wellbeing. The Carnegie rep was privately more optimistic than Deborah felt we can be yet, that this GDP argument is now won.

Next steps are:

- Bi-laterals between officials and stakeholders during May (*SG is already in touch with us*)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> roundtable in June, ahead of recess
- Officials to provide a mapping of where things might go, to inform discussions

Around the margins of the roundtable, in discussion with Carnegie and Oxfam reps, Deborah agreed with them that our 3 organisations should write now to Mr Swinney, jointly supporting the key points from the NGO briefing of 2011/12.

**Actions for LINK/Members now:**

- **Members interested in May discussion with officials please contact Deborah/Jen a.s.a.p**
- **LINK to contact Oxfam and Carnegie shortly to organise the joint letter to Swinney**

**Attendees at April Roundtable:**

John Swinney, MSP	Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Employment and Sustainable Growth (Chair)
Kenneth Gibson, MSP	Scottish National Party
Patrick Harvie, MSP	Scottish Green Party
Ken Macintosh, MSP	Scottish Labour
Alison McInnes, MSP	Scottish Liberal Democrats
Mary Scanlon, MSP	Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party
Martyn Evans	Chief Executive, Carnegie UK Trust
Deborah Long	Chair, Scottish Environment Link
Professor Ailsa McKay	Prof of Economics, Glasgow Caledonian Uni
Juliet Michaelson	Senior Researcher, New Economics Foundation
Professor George Morris	Public Health Consultant
Judith Robertson	Head of Oxfam Scotland
Francis Stuart	Research and Policy Adviser, Oxfam Scotland
Katherine Trebeck	Oxfam GB
Simon Wakefield	Scottish Parliament Information Centre
Jennifer Wallace	Policy Manager, Carnegie UK Trust
Gary Gillespie	Chief Economist, Scottish Government
Delancy Johansson	Special Adviser, Scottish Government
Dave Signorini	Office of the Chief Statistician and Performance, Scottish Government
Mairi Spowage	Office of the Chief Statistician and Performance, Scottish Government

**Apologies:**

Claudia Beamish MSP	Scottish Labour
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