

## Social enterprise policy structure in Scotland

At the political level, social enterprise policy sits within the remit of the Scottish Government Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Local Government. This is currently Aileen Campbell MSP

[www.gov.scot/about/who-runs-government/cabinet-and-ministers/cabinet-secretary-communities-local-government](http://www.gov.scot/about/who-runs-government/cabinet-and-ministers/cabinet-secretary-communities-local-government)

Parliamentary committees largely mirror the remit of the Cabinet Secretary and it is covered by the Local Government and Communities Committee.

[www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/CurrentCommittees/local-govt-committee.aspx](http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/CurrentCommittees/local-govt-committee.aspx)

Depending on the issue under consideration it may also be covered by the Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee.

[www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/CurrentCommittees/economy-committee.aspx](http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/CurrentCommittees/economy-committee.aspx)

There is also a **cross party group** on social enterprise. Its published purpose is:

- To give Scottish social entrepreneurs a strong, united voice and help them influence policy-making
- To pro-actively raise awareness and understanding of social enterprise among MSPs and the public
- To help drive forward the growth and success of the social enterprise economy in every community
- To increase the role of social enterprises in designing and delivering public services
- To open up private sector business opportunities to social enterprises
- To tell the inspiring stories about the human and environmental impact of social enterprises

The secretariat for the cross party group is provided by Social Enterprise Scotland.

<https://www.parliament.scot/msps/social-enterprise.aspx>

## Policy implementation

Within the civil service, responsibility for the delivery of policy in relation to social enterprise sits in the Local Government and Communities Directorate currently managed by Paul Johnston the Director General for Education, Communities and Justice.

[www.gov.scot/about/how-government-is-run/civil-service/director-general-education-communities-justice](http://www.gov.scot/about/how-government-is-run/civil-service/director-general-education-communities-justice)

Social Enterprise is a part of the Communities and Third Sector section of the overall directorate.

[www.gov.scot/policies/third-sector](http://www.gov.scot/policies/third-sector)

with a specific section on social enterprise at:

[www.gov.scot/policies/third-sector/social-enterprises](http://www.gov.scot/policies/third-sector/social-enterprises)

In addition, there are numerous intermediary organisations that support the development and implementation of Scottish Government policy. Community Enterprise together with BOLD designed this map of the overall Scottish ecosystem for social enterprise which includes links to intermediary organisations.

<https://communityenterprise.co.uk/assets/uploads/DOCUMENTS/2019/SE-Eco-System-Interactive-Map-Scotland-2019.pdf>