



Extending Freedom Of Information to Housing Associations good news but do it properly



The Campaign for Freedom of Information in Scotland (CFoIS) submitted [evidence](#) to the Scottish Parliament's Local Government & Communities Committee last week, who were considering the draft Scottish Statutory Instrument on the designation of Registered Social Landlords (RSLs) and their subsidiaries. (This [response](#) was dedicated to the memory of our friend and colleague Chris Barter, who died suddenly in 2017. Chris was a long-term campaigner for the extension of FoISA to the work of registered social landlords (RSLs) and all of their subsidiaries).

Unfortunately, the committee has decided to not to amend the draft SSI. Committee papers can be viewed [here](#).



Accounts Commission: Local Government in Scotland Challenges and Performance 2019

Audit Scotland have published their [report](#) into local government in Scotland giving an overview of the challenges local authorities face. As ever with these reports the language is very much that of an accountant but it is clear that local government is facing a range of difficulties.

The most significant is budget cuts alongside increased demands. Other challenges include Brexit, the increasing variability of the Scottish budget, the outcomes of the local governance review, the Community Empowerment Act consequences and policy changes.



Stop Climate Chaos Scotland Rally 2nd April Scottish Parliament

Join the [SCCS Climate Rally](#), 12.30pm-2pm Tues 2 April to tell MSPs debating the Climate Change Bill that we're running out of time & need much stronger, urgent climate action.

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[UK employment may be highest since 1971, but millions still live in poverty](#).

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Read the latest from UNISON's General Secretary Dave Prentis on his blog [here](#).

PUBLIC WORKS: TOOLKIT

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