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Background

Launched September 2009

Widespread press coverage

Political interest

Scottish Government Official interest

Why have an inquiry and why have it now?



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Terms of reference:

To inquire into options reform in Scotland of the current council tax, council tax benefit, non domestic rates systems and into other buoyant sources of local funding so as to secure the provision of stable and strong local government. The committee will submit its findings to Scottish Government LIT Review team for consideration and to the other main political parties in Scotland.



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Members:

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Julie Holden

Brian Jeffrey

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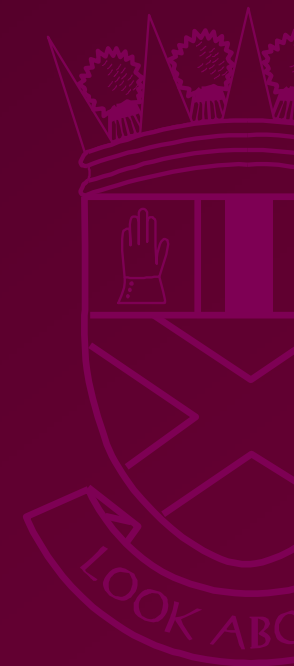
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**Moira Hepworth IRRV Policy and
Research Project Officer.**

**Fraser Macpherson IRRV Development
Manager.**



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What have we done so far?

Invited contribution

2 meetings so far – December 2009 and February 2010

Structuring the work of the Committee.

Consider what evidence is to be gathered.

Deciding what we will look at and what we will highlight.



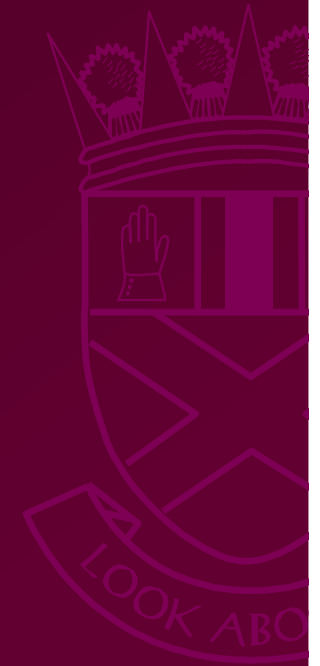
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**Aim to have draft report for IRRV
Council in July.**

**Launch the final report at Scottish
Conference in September.**



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So what will it say?

Some key themes

What is wrong with the current system.

Tax yields and administration costs.

Ability to pay.

Localisation.

Financing of local government.



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Options – a range of different taxes and charges

A modern Local Property Tax

Valuation

Liability

Administration

Water Charges

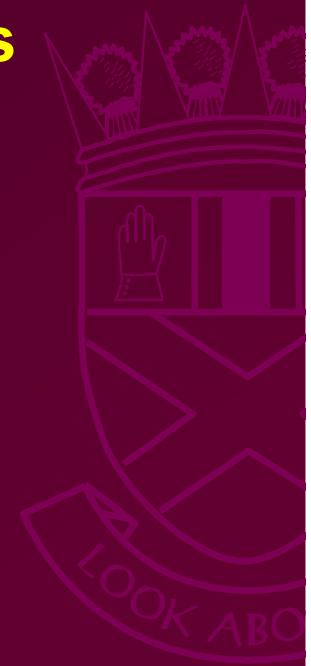
Collection

Enforcement

Reductions and Reliefs

Business Rates

The grant mechanism



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Sub groups of the Committee are now undertaking the research work on the various issues to be considered.

Other interested parties invited.

And So!

Work well under way to produce a report of findings that I believe will be influential in the development of Local Taxation in Scotland.



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