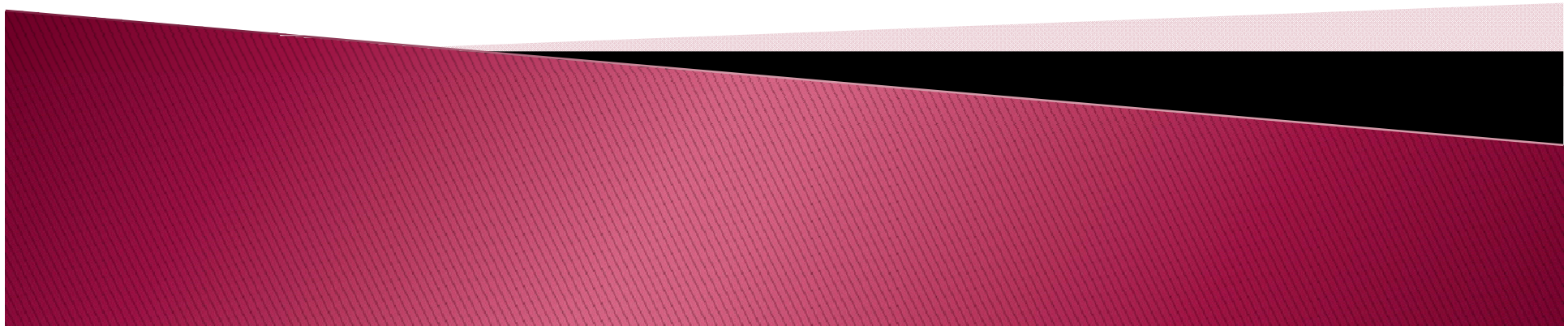


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National Issues In Scotland

- ▶ Scottish Parliament Local Government and Regeneration Committee three short inquiries:
 - Partnership/Outcomes (Reported)
 - Benchmarking and Performance Measurement (10 September 2012)
 - Developing New Ways of Delivering Services (?)

APSE full response to Local Government and Regeneration Committee

Consultation on Proposed Community Empowerment and Renewal Bill

Three key issues:

- ▶ Strengthening community participation
- ▶ Unlocking enterprising community development
- ▶ Renewing our communities

Strengthening Community Participation

- ▶ Community planning
- ▶ Role of community councils
- ▶ Role of third sector
- ▶ Community engagement plan
- ▶ Community service delivery
- ▶ Participatory budgeting

Community-Led Design and Delivery

- ▶ Community Involvement in Public Service Delivery
- ▶ Section 51 Tenants Right to Manage
- ▶ Outcome in Social Housing Charter Tenant Participation
- ▶ Role for Scottish Housing Regulator

Unlocking Enterprising Community Development

- ▶ Community Right to Buy
- ▶ Transfer of Assets
- ▶ Common Good Funds

Renewing our Communities

- ▶ Transfer of unused public sector assets
- ▶ Enforced sales of assets

- ▶ Consultation consists of 48 questions
- ▶ Responses September 2012
- ▶ Report on Consultation October 2012
- ▶ Draft Bill Spring 2013
- ▶ Full APSE response.....focus on a couple of key issues including: Community Service Delivery

Consultation on Procurement Reform Bill

- ▶ Scottish Government have issued a Consultation on the proposed Bill
- ▶ Bill highlights a range of measures designed to enhance/ improve the approach to procurement

Key Areas

- ▶ Public Procurement Processes
- ▶ Promote SMEs / Third Sector
- ▶ Procurement/ Innovation
- ▶ Social, Economic, Sustainability (Community Benefit Clauses)
- ▶ Poor conduct/ performance of suppliers
- ▶ Application/ Compliance

Scottish Government Draft Budget 2013/14

- ▶ Investment in the affordable housing £40m
- ▶ Local authority share?
- ▶ Energy efficiency measures £30m over next three years to address fuel poverty

Publications

- ▶ Ensuring Council Model
- ▶ Municipal Entrepreneurship
- ▶ Transition A Green Economy
- ▶ Councils Role in Tackling Youth Unemployment

APSE Ensuring Council Model – An Alternative Vision for Local Govt.

- ▶ APSE “Ensuring Council” model issued
- ▶ Positive alternative for a local government model of the future
- ▶ Promotes an approach which is contrary to Enabling/Commissioning model
- ▶ APSE’s contribution to assist councils in talking budget reductions

- ▶ Research conducted by De Montfort University
- ▶ Engaged members/officers in research
- ▶ Report envisages wider role for councils/services
- ▶ Report promotes key principles:
 - Democratic Accountability
 - Stewardship
 - Public Value
 - Social Justice
 - Civil Entrepreneurship

- ▶ Challenges hollowing out councils/services
- ▶ Need to retain core capability to provide services
- ▶ Avoid “market place” solutions

Municipal Entrepreneurship

- ▶ Pay to Stay in Council Housing
- ▶ Challenges some myths....local government is monolithic, bureaucratic and incapable of change
- ▶ Stress commercial skills/business acumen in front line services
- ▶ Case studies provide evidence

Briefings

- ▶ Community Empowerment and Renewal Bill
- ▶ Public Procurement Reform Bill
- ▶ Accounts Commission Report “Using Cost Information to Improve Performance – Are you Getting it Right?” 12/26
- ▶ Accounts Commission overview report of local government for local government 12/22

Thank you for listening

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