

Scottish Government Consultations



www.apse.org.uk

- ▶ Developing an energy efficient standard for social housing
 - New Social Housing Standard – higher levels of energy by 2020

- ▶ Homes that do not cost the Earth
 - Low Carbon Homes

Key Areas

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

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

- ▶ Report demonstrates entrepreneurship is still alive
- ▶ 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

- ▶ Tender feedback in Catering and Cleaning
- ▶ 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

aspowart@apse.org.uk



www.apse.org.uk