

# APSE SOFT FACILITY SERVICES MANAGEMENT ADVISORY GROUP

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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





### Strengthening Community Participation

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





### 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



## **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

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