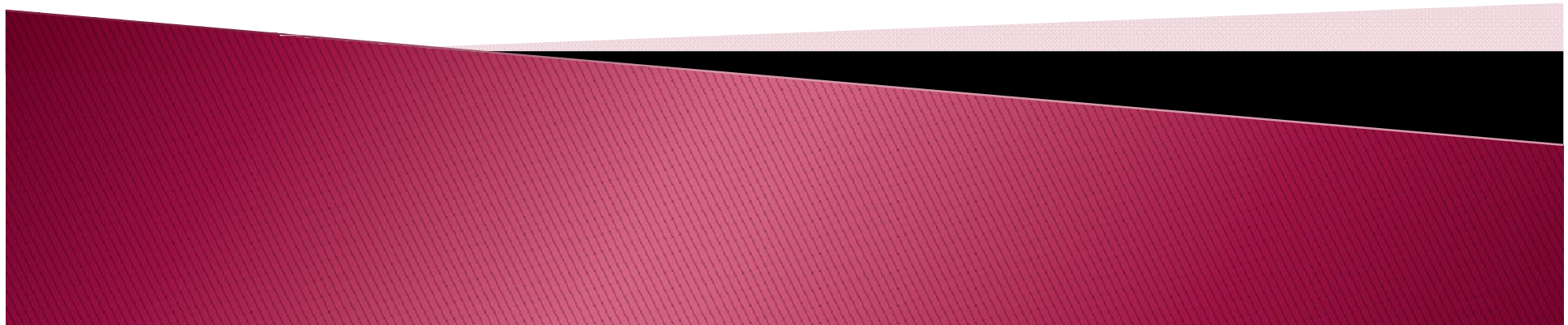


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# National Issues In Scotland

- ▶ 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

# 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
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# Briefings

- ▶ Review of Community Planning and Single Outcome Agreement
- ▶ 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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