

# APSE WASTE AND RECYCLING ADVISORY GROUP

17<sup>th</sup> August 2012

#### National Issues In Scotland

- Scottish Parliament Local Government and Regeneration Committee three short inquiries:
  - Partnership/Outcomes (Reported)
  - Benchmarking and Performance Measurement (Sept 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 the Communities

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



- Consultation consists of 48 questions
- Responses 29th August 2012
- Report on Consultation October 2012
- Draft Bill Spring 2013
- Full APSE response.....focus on a couple of key issues including: Community Service Delivery



### 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



### Briefings

- Refuse state of the Market Survey 2012 12/29
- Now local authorities can reduce emissions 12/28
- 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
- Response on separate collections of recycling 12/21



#### **Publications**

- The Ensuring Council: An Alternative Vision for the Future of Local Government June 2012
- The Transition to a Green Economy April 2012
- Future R.T.P. Programme "Councils Role in Talking Youth Unemployment"



### **Training Events**

- Project Management on Local Govt Edinburgh – 07/08/2012
- Handling Difficult Conversation Edinburgh 08/08/2012
- Managing Cemeteries and Crematoria Glasgow – 23/08/2012
- Writing, Developing and Delivering Service Level Agreements - North Lanarkshire 23/08/2012
- ▶ Tools For Efficiencies and Savings in Street Cleansing – Glasgow 30/08/2012



### Seminars / Conferences

APSE Annual Seminar 2012

Thriving Frontline Services; Councils, Communities and Citizens: Working Together for Better Neighbourhoods

12–13 September 2012

Glasgow Royal Concert Hall



Thank you for listening

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