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# STRUCTURE

- National Issue
- Briefings
- Forthcoming Events

# NATIONAL ISSUE



- Christie Commission on Public Sector Reform
  - Financial Outlook facing Scotland not positive
  - Significant Service demands pressures
  - Scottish Government established Commission chaired by Campbell Christie
  - Remit sustainable Public Sector
  - Gathering evidence / report in June 2011
  - APSE response

# BRIEFINGS



- Overview of local government finance settlements in devolved countries
  - Local government in Scotland fared well
  - Retain overall % of Block Grant
  - English Councils face cuts of 28% over life of spending review

# FORTHCOMING EVENTS



- National Conference “Aviemore” programme developed
- APSE Service Awards – Deadline for submissions 8<sup>th</sup> April 2011.



## **MEASURED REACTION**

- Initiate a full and frank service review
- No stone unturned – Everything on table need to be more open minded/radical?
- Use BV frameworks/Self Assessment tools
- More rounded review rather than salami slice
- Issue of comparison, competitiveness and contestability
- Appraise all options



## EXAMPLE

- Soft F.M at Council X
- Political requirement to achieve 25-30% saving
- Address options “Make –v- Buy”
- | Option A                     | V | Option B                            |
|------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| In-house Service improvement |   | Competitive Dialogue                |
| Plan – 20% Saving            |   | Bidders promising 30% Achievability |
| Radical Change               |   |                                     |
- Procurement decision to be made by Awarding Authority



- Best Value Efficiency Reviews part of a measured approach/response
  - APSE Competitiveness Continuum model
  - Lean/Systems thinking
- Need to think the unthinkable as opposed to acting in a knee jerk way
- Manage what you influence/control





**THANK YOU FOR LISTENING**

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**LOCAL SOLUTIONS**



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