Learning from Experience?
SURF Conference
31st January 2008
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New structure changes emphasis, new aims

- **Smaller State** at centre and **Devolution** to Councils – Review of Government Agencies–’decluttering’
- 6 member *Smaller* Scottish Cabinet
  - N. Sturgeon – CS Health & Wellbeing
  - J. Swinney – CS Finance & Sustainable Growth
- *Large* Directorates using **themes** for integration
- Demonstrate **Competence** and secure **Delivery** – Manifesto into Government, focused programme
- Show **momentum** – First 100 days, SR07
- Work in **Partnership** – consultation Papers
- Scottish Government not Scottish Executive

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Changing Government purpose

The 2003 Partnership Agreement
- Growing Scotland’s Economy
- Excellent Public Services
- Stronger, Safer Communities
- Confident, Democratic Scotland
- Extensive commitments
- Big legislative programme

2007 Programme for Government
- Wealthier and fairer
- Healthier
- Safer and stronger
- Smarter
- Greener
- Focused commitments
- Small legislative programme, use of non legislative tools

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Manifesto commitments – The foundations

- Economy Targets
- Housing
- Higher Building Standards
- Greener Scotland / Energy Saving
- Wider Access to Public Sector Contracts
- New Powers for Communities – (Communities in Control) / Community Level Management & Ownership

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Initial Progress

5 September 2007 – 11 Bills

- Budget
- Abolition of Bridge Tolls
- Creative Scotland
- Rape and Sexual Offences
- Public Health
- Judiciary
- Interest
- Local Healthcare
- Graduate Endowment (Abolition)
- Flooding
- Glasgow Commonwealth Games

Programme for Government 2007

Legislative Programme 2007/8

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Scottish Government Economic Strategy

The challenges Scotland faces
- Growth
- Productivity
- Participation
- Population
- Solidarity, Cohesion & Sustainability

Strategic Priorities
- Learning, skills and well-being
- Supportive business environment
- Infrastructure development & place
- Effective government, Equity

One Central Objective

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A planning and development regime which is joined up, and combines greater certainty and speed of decision making within a framework geared towards achieving good quality sustainable places and sustainable economic growth.

Achieving our purpose in government requires a planning framework that both protects the quality of Scotland’s natural and built environment as an asset for sustainable economic growth.
SR07 – shaping next 3 years

Spending Review 2007

Targets to Outcomes

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Spending Review 2007 – Securing outcomes

- **SR07**: outcomes *not* targets
  - Single Outcome Agreements with 32 Councils – ‘shared responsibility’
  - Less Ring fencing/ less central direction?
- **15 National Outcomes**
  1. We have *strong, resilient and supportive communities* where people take responsibility for their own actions and how they affect others
  2. We value and enjoy our *built* and natural environment and protect it and enhance it for future generations

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Spending Review 2007  
– Securing outcomes 2

But series of 45 National Indicators & Targets to be negotiated with each council in SOA:

- 5 – Improve people’s perceptions of quality of public services delivered
- 28 – Increase rate of new house building
- 32 – Increase % adults rate their neighbourhood as a good place to live
- 34 – Increase +ve public perception of general crime rate in local area

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Continuity – Supporting Regeneration

Regeneration Statement 2006

National Priority Areas

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Regeneration – changes & continuities?

- SR07: changes context
  - Community Regeneration Fund devolved to CPP
  - Built environment via SOAs
- National support continues
  - 6 URCs – Craigmiller, Clydebank, Raploch
    Inverclyde, Irving Bay, Clyde Valley (CWG)
  - 3 DLG areas – Glasgow, N Lanark, Dundee
  - 6 BIDs–Alloa, Tillicoultry & Alva; Bathgate, Edinburgh; Falkirk; Glasgow; Inverness

- Other policy continuities
  - New Planning System – NPF / City Region Plan / 32 Dev Plans

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Continuity – the new planning system

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12 Public availability of information as to how planning applications have been dealt with
13 Keeping and publication of lists of applications

PLANNING

Draft Regulations on Development Planning
Consultation Paper

October 2007

Planning Act 2006

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Cities review to city region planning

Cities Growth Fund 2002–07

City Region Planning

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Continuity – Housing policy

- Population shifts
- Drop in LA house building since 1975
- Rise in HA build
- Change in tenure patterns since 1990s
- Pressure for Affordable Housing
- Tackling Homelessness
- Housing Quality
- Stock Transfer

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A new emphasis for Housing?

- Housing Supply
- First-Time Buyers
- Expand Private Rented Sector
- Budget limits – Regional consortia
- Tenants Rights
- Environment/quality standards

Firm Foundations
- 31st October 2007

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New vision for Housing

1. An increased supply of housing across all tenures, delivered with higher environmental and design standards.
2. More choice of housing that those on lower incomes can afford.
3. Housing developments to contribute to the creation of sustainable, mixed communities.
4. Social housing that provides better value for public expenditure.

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Continuity – Transport Strategy

- Balance economic – environment & social
- Modal shift – Long term
- Regional Transport Partnerships
- Budget limits vs national/regional and local ambition
- Impact on place

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Spatial Planning = joined up policy

- Contribute to sustainable economic development.
- Strengthen links with rest of world.
- Improve internal connectivity.
- Contribute to climate change, renewable energy/waste management targets.
- Essential national infrastructure.

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NPF2 Strategic Projects

- 2014 Glasgow Commonwealth Games
- Glasgow Airport
- Glasgow Drainage
- Forth crossing
- Edinburgh Airport
- Grangemouth Freight Hub
- Rosyth Terminal
- Grid support for renewable energy development
- Scapa Flow Container Facility
Regeneration in a complex environment

- New Scottish Government *language* – 5 themes & priorities
- New concordat *between* Government tiers & increasing role for local government
- Emphasis on achieving *outcomes*
- Tight budget settlement SR07 & SR09?
- Policy *continuity* & *regional* working – planning, housing, regeneration & transport
- Support for national regeneration *but* commitment to local *built environment*
- From tackling poverty *to* wealth & fairness

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We intend to develop a number of projects .. that focus on .. creating mixed, sustainable communities’ (p49)
Learning from experience?

*Complex, changes & continuities*

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