

# Regeneration

## Scottish Government The Policy Context



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# **Regeneration**

## **A Framework for Inclusive Growth**

***Achieving a Sustainable Future***

**Regeneration Strategy 2011**

**Shared vision for a Scotland where our most disadvantaged communities are supported and where all places are sustainable and promote well-being**



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# Community-led regeneration

- Regeneration has a greater impact when people and communities are involved from the outset
- We recognise Scotland's communities as having an abundant source of energy, creativity, and talent
- <http://www.gov.scot/Resource/Doc/364595/0123891.pdf>



# Scottish Government Approach

Our approach to reform and improvement includes:

- Holistic place based solutions
- Investing to build capacity
- Enabling communities to identify their own needs and aspirations; and, to design local economic, social and environmental solutions in response

Regeneration Strategy is under-pinned by:

- Inclusive growth
- Community empowerment
- Place based approaches



# Scotland's Economic Strategy

- The **Scottish Government** wants to see a **Scotland** in which everyone can play a full part in society, with **empowered communities** able to shape their **individual and collective futures**. We are giving people more control over decisions that affect them and making it easier for local people to develop their own economies, wellbeing and environments.
- For **Scotland to flourish**, we need to ensure that **everyone can benefit from economic growth** and that **everyone has a fair chance to contribute to that growth**.



# Community Empowerment

## Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015

- Created new rights for community bodies and new duties on public authorities to strengthen the voices of communities in decision making
- Made it easier for communities to take on public sector land and buildings
- Provides a mechanism for community bodies to seek dialogue with public service providers to be heard and make improvements



# Place based approaches

*We recognise that:*

- Place is where people, location and resources combine to create a sense of identity and purpose, and are at the heart of addressing the needs and realising the full potential of communities. Places are shaped by the way resources, services and assets are directed and used by the people who live in and invest in them.
- A more joined-up, collaborative, and participative approach to services, land and buildings, across all sectors within a place, enables better outcomes for everyone and increased opportunities for people and communities to shape their own lives.



# Place Based Principle

- All those responsible for providing services and looking after assets in a place need to work and plan together, and with local communities, to improve the lives of people, support inclusive growth and create more successful places.

*We commit to taking:*

- A collaborative, place based approach with a shared purpose to support a clear way forward for all services, assets and investments which will maximise the impact of their combined resources.





# Funding and Support

- Empowering Communities Fund
- Regeneration Capital Grant Fund
- Vacant and Derelict Land Fund



# Empowering Communities Fund

- £20 million to support community empowerment across Scotland; and, enable disadvantaged communities to tackle poverty and inequality on their own terms.
- a range of funds and projects which enable communities to develop the strength, capacity, skills and resilience to
  - identify local aspirations and needs
  - create local plans and proposals; prioritise budgets and access funds; and,
  - develop and deliver local assets, services and projects in response.



# **Building Community Capacity**

**Link-up**

**SURF Alliance for Action**

**Strengthening Communities Programme  
£2.5m**

**Community Ownership Support Service**



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# Identify local aspirations, needs, and plans

## **Making Places Initiative**

to support community led planning and participatory design events

## **Community Choices Fund (CCF)**

to support participatory budgeting (PB) to enable local people to make decisions on local spending priorities



# Developing and Delivering Locally

## People and Communities Fund

**£7.6m 2018/19**

to enable community anchor organisations to deliver community-led projects and services that promote social inclusion and tackle poverty, including reducing the negative impact of welfare reform.



# Developing and Delivering Locally

## Aspiring Communities Fund (ACF)

**2 year £18.9m fund**

levers in match European social funding to support communities to work collaboratively with partners to accelerate the design and delivery of community-led initiatives that tackle poverty, inequality and exclusion in deprived and fragile communities



# Capital Funding

## **Regeneration Capital Grant Fund £20m**

supports large scale regeneration projects which have the potential to demonstrate wider impact as well as delivering strong physical, social and economic outcomes; and, leverage other funding and investment

## **Vacant and Derelict Land Fund**

in areas which have the most extensive vacant and derelict land and deprivation



# Towns and Town Centres

We promote and support the regeneration of Scotland's Towns and Town centres, including small towns in rural areas through

- **Town Centre Review and Action Plans;**
- **Town Centre First Principle** to ensure planning and investment supports the regeneration and sustainability of towns and towns centres.





# Town Centre First Principle

The Principle is about adopting an approach to decisions that consider the vibrancy of town centres as a starting point. It is a call on central government, local authorities, communities and the wider public sector to put town centres and local high streets at the heart of the decision-making process. The principle recognises that town centre locations are not always a suitable location, but asks that the rationale for locating elsewhere is evidenced and transparent.



# Tools and Resources

- Place Standard
- Understanding Scottish Places
- Town Centre Toolkit



# Scotland's Towns Partnership

Scotland's Towns Partnership is Scotland's largest towns' collective; representing and promoting the diversity of our towns and places, and supporting those organisations and groups that have an interest in or ownership of them.

<http://www.scotlandstowns.org/>



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# Business Improvement Districts

- internationally proven method of facilitating and energising community-led regeneration through strong partnerships between local businesses.
- since 2006 we have supported the development of around 38 Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) in Scotland, with a further 26 under development, including seed corn funding for new BIDs



# BIDs next generation

We are developing a new and more expansive BID model which will strengthen the role of communities and better align BIDs with our regeneration and inclusive growth ambitions. This will include exploring methods of increasing and widening partnerships which involve strategic corporate and private sector partners, as well as communities and local government.



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