

Polling Questions

SURF Annual Conference – Session 3: Post Covid Lessons for Building Back Better

Scene Setting Questions

Q1: Where are you right now?

- At home
- In an office / place of work
- In your garden
- In a public place e.g. park/ café
- Somewhere else

Q2: Which part of the country are you joining us from?

- Ayrshire, Borders, Dumfries & Galloway
- Central Scotland, including Falkirk, Perth & Kinross, Stirling
- Edinburgh, Lothians, Fife
- Glasgow, Lanarkshire & West of Scotland
- Highlands & Islands, including Argyll
- North East Scotland, including Aberdeen & Dundee
- Outside Scotland

Q3: Which sector best represents your main professional or voluntary role?

- Academic Institution
- Community Group, Charity or Social Enterprise
- Housing Association
- Private Business
- Public Sector – Local Government
- Public Sector – National Agency
- Other / Individual

Q4: Are you expecting another national lockdown this year?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure
- I don't even want to think about it!

Manifesto Session

Q1. What is your general view of the prospects for 'building back better', with regard to the future of poorer communities?

- Mainly optimistic – more cooperative investments, focused on enhancing the wellbeing, wealth and sustainability of poorer places, will make a positive difference
- Mainly pessimistic – despite the best intentions of stakeholders, already poor places will get poorer in the face of increasing challenges, internally and externally
- No view / mixed feelings

Q2. If you had to pick only one, which of the following interventions do you think would best support a post-pandemic economic recovery in Scotland?

- A job guarantee scheme for young people
- Climate change investments that create jobs
- Digital infrastructure and training investment
- Direct support programmes for businesses and social enterprises
- Extra income support for the poorest households
- More area-based initiatives in the most deprived places

Q3. Which of the following would you like to see prioritised in local regeneration activity in 2021 and beyond? Please select up to THREE.

- Community led regeneration
- Culture & heritage based approaches
- Economic development
- Employability & skills
- Health & wellbeing
- House-building and housing improvements
- More dedicated support for minority groups
- Town centre regeneration
- Transport investment and connectivity
- Vacant & derelict land & buildings

Q4. What is your view of the 'Place Principle' as promoted by the Scottish Government and the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities?

- It is encouraging greater collaboration & participation in place-based regeneration
- It is well-meant but it lacks practical application and outcomes
- It is not the best approach to regeneration
- It is too early to judge
- I am not familiar with the Place Principle

Q5. The Scottish Government's Advisory Group on Economic Recovery, identified 'four pillars' of the Scottish economy. If you had to pick only one, which should be prioritised for actions and investments in support of 'building back better'?

- Business – economic capital & financial assets
- Community – civil society organisations & local social networks
- Environment – natural capital

- People – knowledge, skills and health