

Sustainable Communities: Bringing the Environment in from the Cold

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Communities Scotland: Our Role

- To intervene in the housing market to ensure that good quality housing is available and affordable for all.
- To invest in disadvantaged communities so that people can access opportunities.
- To be a catalyst for improved housing and homelessness services.
- To influence others to align opportunity and need.

Communities Scotland: How do we go about it?

- Targeting investment
- Raising standards
- Improving Understanding

How does the SDC Call for Action relate to Targeting Investment?

- **SDC Action Point 1**

"...sustainable development principles should be at the heart of regeneration policy and practice..."

- **Communities Scotland Activity**

- Community Regeneration Fund

"should seek to achieve sustainable regeneration outcomes"

- Sustainable Development Strategy

How does the SDC Call for Action relate to Targeting Investment?

- **SDC Action Point 4:**
“improving the quality of the environment whilst minimising negative impacts...”
- **Communities Scotland Activity**
 - Community Regeneration Fund
“improving the quality of the local environment, and taking an integrated and long-term approach that recognises that neighbourhood problems have linked social, economic and environmental causes.”

How does the SDC Call for Action relate to Targeting Investment?

- **SDC Action Point 6:**

“...an integrated and long-term approach should be built into regeneration programmes...”

- **Communities Scotland Activity**

- Community Regeneration Fund

“an opportunity to improve the coherence and impact of greenspace and environmental activities which contribute to regeneration outcomes.”

- Wider Role Fund

“economic, social and environmental circumstances of communities and RSLs”

How does the SDC Call for Action relate to Raising Standards?

- **SDC Action Point 2:**

"...local people should continue to be at the heart of the process..."

- **Communities Scotland Activity**

- Corporate Target

"take steps to place communities at the heart of regeneration processes by developing and investing in methods of community engagement"

- Draft Standards for Community Engagement

- Community Planning Partnerships

- SCARF

- Learning Connections

- How to Guide on Community Engagement

How does the SDC Call for Action relate to Raising Standards?

- **SDC Action Point 7:**

“...housing and construction should be regarded as a major opportunity to embed...”

- **Communities Scotland Activity**

- Sustainable Development Policy
- Registered Social Landlords
- Building a Better Deal
- Community Ownership

How does the SDC Call for Action relate to Improving Understanding?

- **SDC Action Point 3**

"...address lack of understanding of sustainable development and the shortage of skills..."

- **Communities Scotland Activity**

- Inter agency training programme
- Regeneration skills framework

How does the SDC Call for Action relate to Improving Understanding?

- **SDC Action Point 10**
"...existing good practice should be built upon and exchanged..."
- **Scottish Centre for Regeneration**
 - Project Profiles
 - Learning Profiles
 - Seeing is Believing Fund
 - New Ideas Fund
 - Events
- **Joint Research with Greenspace Scotland**

Conclusion

- **Welcome SDC's report**
- **Sustainable regeneration central to Communities Scotland's purpose**
- **Much of Communities Scotland's work is highly relevant – but not always badged as sustainable development**
- **Communities Scotland keen to work with SDC to improve and spread good practice**

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