

BEFS INITIAL REFERENCING REPORT ON PARTY MANIFESTOS FOR SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT ELECTIONS 2007

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INTRODUCTION:

This document looks in detail at the Party Manifestos from a 'built environment' perspective. It aims to build within BEFS an understanding of how each Party is seeking to work on key built environment issues. When combined with any initial 'Governing statement' or 'Partnership Agreement' it will give a valuable insight into:

- the relevant policies, strategies and concerns of those Parties who form the Executive;
- other parties who are active within the Parliament and its Committees, and can impact on policy development relating to the built environment.

This will support BEFS's as it seeks to develop its parliamentary work and impact on policies that are relevant to the work of its Members over the course of the next Parliament.

Structure of this report:

This document uses as its focus the 4 key asks that BEFS's generated through BEFS's Manifesto 'Pride of Place', and which BEFS's representatives used in their meetings with MSPs and Policy researchers from the Scottish Conservatives, Scottish Greens, Scottish Labour, Scottish Lib Dems and the SNP.

These key asks are:

- Key ask 1: *Review of heritage protection legislation*
- Key ask 2: *Mechanisms to dramatic reduction in carbon emissions* that arise directly from the built environment, including further revision to building standards (e.g. enforcement and review of regulations, sustainability statements, financial drivers)
- Key ask 3: *Mechanisms to ensure good design sits at heart of development* (e.g. holistic design, community involvement, urban design/place-making, sustainable development and BE, cultural values/economic development and BE)
- Key ask 4: *Better connections* between relevant Government departments on built environment issues.

Key thinking from the BEFS Manifesto is integrated within the key asks; in particular the key concept of 'successful place-making', and the 7 areas for action:

- Built Environment and Health
- BE and sustainable development
- Design quality

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- Historic environment
- Town centres and the Urban Realm
- Landscape
- Public awareness, lifelong learning and skills.

Different Parties: Each of the Parties is reviewed separately, although there is a brief general summary following this introduction. All five Parties continue to demonstrate in the opinion polls that either they will or may get a significant numbers of MSPs; we have copies of other Party Manifestos too and can work with this material too if it becomes more immediately relevant.

Each key ask for each party is divided into:

- General policy statements providing context
- Specific policy statements
- Related policy statements

'Mechanisms' for Key asks 2 and 3 include:

- Regulations
- Tools
- Financial drivers and Funds
- Targets
- Legislation
- Partnerships and consultations

Because of the breadth of Key Ask 3 the 'specific policy statements' section is sub-divided into:

- Holistic Design
- Communities participation (in place-making)
- Urban design and place-making
- Sustainable development and the built environment
- Sense of Place – heritage and culture

Please note the following constraints and limitations of this document:

Extensive but not Comprehensive! This draft of the document has involved detailed research, and covers a swathe of policy, but should not be considered comprehensive. Use this document to work out which parts of the Party Manifestos are most relevant to what you want to know more about, but also refer to the Manifesto for a complete record.

Not a direct comparison of the Parties or analysis of their policies! This is just a straightforward referencing report of which parts of the Party manifestos 'link' with BEFS's concerns. It is not an analysis of how well they fit, or which Party provides the best policies relating to the built environment; some Policy statements, for instance, on sustainable development and the built environment, may conflict with the experience of BEFS's members. *This report doesn't tell you if they are 'good' or 'bad policies.*

BRIEF OVERVIEW OF PARTY POSITIONS IN RELATION TO BEFS's KEY ASKS.

Parties	Key ask 1: review of HPL	Key ask 2: Carbon emissions and BE	Key ask 3: Good design and development (successful place-making)	Key ask 4: Joint-working within Central Government.
Scottish Conservatives		Limited range of policy initiatives – no carbon reduction targets given.	Focus on social responsibility and economic growth. Range of commitments to voluntary sector, affordable housing, Town Centre Regeneration Fund, and particular support for rural communities.	Review to increase powers of local government.
Scottish Greens		Legislation for 90% greenhouse gas reduction by 2050; 4.5% per year. Wide range of measures for reducing CO2 emissions.	Key focus on sustainability and social justice. Wide range of commitments to community participation and ownership, and to sustainable community development and affordable housing.	De-centralise including increased powers to community councils; seeking joined-up working in government on health issues.
Scottish Labour	Modernise legislation if required	Legislation for 60% reduction by 2050 & annual progress report. Wide range of measures for reducing CO2 emissions	Key concepts of sustainable development and strong mixed communities through commitments to community participation in planning, investment in housing and regeneration, sustainable community development and the local environment.	
Scottish Lib Dems	Mentions SHEP and Historic Environment Audit but not review	Target of 60% reduction in CO2 emissions by 2050 and annual report. Scottish Energy Bill with target of 100% renewable energy by 2050. Wide range of measures for reducing CO2 emissions	Key concept of sustainable development and growth. Wide range of commitments to community participation and control, regeneration and housing, sustainable development including rural communities, and to tourism.	Commission to examine government and public sector.
SNP	Review of Heritage Protection Legislation, potentially leading to Heritage Bill	Legislation, and a target of 80% CO2 reduction by 2050; 3% annually. Wide range of measures for reducing CO2 emissions given.	Key concept of sustainable growth – growth but not at the expense of the environment. Wide range of commitments to community participation and control, regeneration and housing, and sustainable development including rural communities.	Reduction from 9 to 6 departments, and seeking changes in the role of the civil service – a Northern Ireland approach. Also seeking a new rigorous model of government working . Will publish an annual 'Health of the Nation' report.

SCOTTISH CONSERVATIVE AND UNIONIST PARTY MANIFESTO

Scottish Conservatives - Key ask 1: Review of heritage protection legislation

General policy statements providing context:

Specific policy statements:

Related policy statements:

- **Tourism** is one of Scotland's biggest industries and without it the economy would perform even more poorly than it has since 1997. ... It is fair to say that Scotland has few rivals for its natural beauty, **historical and architectural** attractions ... Our pledges on **business rate reductions** and radical proposals to improve Scotland's **transport infrastructure** will be hugely beneficial. (p.23)

Scottish Conservatives - Key ask 2: Mechanisms to dramatic reduction in carbon emissions that arise directly from the built environment, including further revision to building standards

General policy statements providing context:

'Climate change is an immense world concern. Scotland is a small emitter of carbon, in absolute and relative terms. Nonetheless, we have our own moral obligation to preserve our planet, and do all we can to reduce the size of Scotland's carbon footprint.' (p.8)

Specific policy statements:

- 'We call for an **urgent review of building standards** to incorporate world-class **energy-saving design**.' (p.8)
- Furthermore, we will invest **£12million per year into an Eco-Bonus Scheme**. Households, communities and small businesses would be entitled to apply for a grant to install modern energy saving and energy-creating technology. This may include such technologies as hydro-electric, wind turbines, solar water and solar space heating, heat pumps and wood fuel heating. Households and businesses will be entitled to apply for a grant of up to £4000 ... Community projects will be eligible for a grant of up to £100,000. ... the planet would enjoy a reduction in carbon emissions. (p.8/9)

Related policy statements:

- **Carbon capture** and storage also provides a huge economic opportunity for Scotland ... Together with our colleagues at Westminster we will press the Labour Government to provide the stable long-term incentives that are needed for investment in this crucial technology (p.9)

- We are concerned that in Scotland the current subsidy regime for renewable energy is leading to the **over-development of on-shore wind farms** ... We will therefore seek to **adapt the renewables obligation system** to incentivise other renewable supplies like wave energy and biomass. (p.9)
- At other times, government interference has manifested itself in the **inappropriate placement of on-shore wind farm** developments designed to meet central objectives made in Edinburgh. We will place a **moratorium** on all locally-opposed wind farm developments **pending a National Location Strategy** for such developments. This will complement our proposals to incentivise other forms of renewable energy, like tidal power and biomass. (p.39)

Scottish Conservatives - Key ask 3: Mechanisms to ensure good design sits at heart of development

General policy statements providing context:

'That means putting **social responsibility** at the heart of what we believe in as Conservatives. We know that in order to improve people's quality of life, we all have to play our part – government, business, social enterprises, charities, communities, families and individuals. We're in this together.' (p.2)

'People, families, charities and communities are **the craftsmen of our identity as a society**. The job of the state is not to interfere in this process – merely to facilitate it.' (p.3)

'A **strong economy is the foundation** on which any nation is built. Without it our education and health services suffer from lack of investment, our transport infrastructure, and we have scant resources to tackle crime. And **the process is reciprocal**, because without good schools and hospitals, modern roads and railways and safe streets, it is difficult for the economy to grow significantly. Moreover social responsibility requires vibrant local communities.' (p.16)

'Scotland's economy has been growing too slowly under Labour. ... Expanding the public sector at the expense of the wealth-creating private sector is unsustainable.' (p.16)

Specific Policy Statements:

Holistic Design:

Community participation:

- 'At times, neither local authorities nor community councils have all the answers. Often **the best approach** is to give more scope to **charities, social enterprises and voluntary organisations**. ... But our charities, voluntary organizations and social enterprises are often **too heavily regulated**, and too heavily let upon by the state to carry out government policies.' (p.4)
- 'We are hopeful that the **new planning laws** will **involve local people** at an early stage, give them a real voice in the type of developments they want to see ...' (p.7)

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- We want to see communities with thriving **Neighbourhood Watch schemes**, where residents meet regularly **to discuss developments**. This is social responsibility in action, and we believe that it will herald a new era of civic confidence. (p.11)

Urban design and place-making;

- To a significant degree, the lack of affordable homes has been a symptom of Scotland's **out-dated planning system**. The supply of available land has been reduced which means that fewer houses have been built. ... (p.7)

Sustainable communities:

- The **lack of affordable homes** is a major issue all over Scotland. ... To a significant degree, the lack of affordable homes has been a symptom of Scotland's outdated planning system. The supply of available land has been reduced which means that fewer houses have been built. **Consequently**, local shops have fewer customers, local transport has become less viable through lack of use, local schools are under threat, and local people are forced to leave villages and towns in search of homes elsewhere. (p.7)
- Local authorities will make a **local judgement based** on local circumstances, and they have a far greater chance of getting that judgement right than remote politicians at Holyrood. To complement this, **we will abolish Communities Scotland**, and fund the local housing associations direct. (p.8)
- ... Metropolitan politicians have often made decisions **designed to benefit urban areas** and have paid little regard to **the effect** that those decisions have had on **rural areas**. ... It's time for rural Scotland got a fairer deal. ... (p.36)
- ... the **people of Scotland's countryside** are not getting value for money from the taxes they pay. ... they deserve **better provision** of education, health services, and housing, a greater level of safety in their villages and towns, and more guarantees over the future of basic services like their Post Office. (p.36)
- The shared ownership housing schemes currently in place are too narrow and available to too few people. That's why, in addition to existing schemes, we will create **Affordable Home Trusts (AHTs)**, run by trustees independent from the state. Individuals and businesses will be able to make a redeemable investment in the AHTs, with prospective homeowners applying for assistance in owning a home of their choice, in an area of their choice. We will propose an **initial fund of £100m per year**, one third of which will be contributed by the Scottish Executive and the procured from the private sector. (p.7)
- **Scotland's town centres**, especially in rural areas, are finding it difficult to compete with larger chains and superstores, which benefits from economies of scale ... whilst we support local people in making the choice to benefit from lower prices ... we do believe that small towns need a bustling High Street to maintain their distinctive character. To help them, we will establish a **Town Centre Regeneration Fund**, worth £20m every year. In order to benefit, towns would decide on a regeneration project and apply directly to the Scottish Executive for consideration. (p.22)
- The **lack of affordable housing** is a major problem in **rural areas**, caused mainly by a lack of supply. Our wish for a **more fluid planning system** along with our Affordable Home Trusts will relieve this problem. (p.37)

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- We will also attempt to ease **planning guidelines** on rural housing, which will offer farmers the option of receiving capital profit by selling some land for housing. (p.37)

Place – heritage and culture

- **Tourism** is one of Scotland's biggest industries and without it the economy would perform even more poorly than it has since 1997. ... It is fair to say that Scotland has few rivals for its natural beauty, **historical and architectural** attractions ... Our pledges on **business rate reductions** and radical proposals to improve Scotland's **transport infrastructure** will be hugely beneficial. (p.23)
- **Tourism** is a lifeline for rural communities and rural economies. The natural beauty of Scotland's rural environment goes a long way to securing the tourist trade, and our proposals on business rates and local regeneration, especially our **Town Centre Regeneration Fund**, will further support tourism. ... And we'll assist further by encouraging agencies and interested parties to promote rural field sports, which can bring real benefits to rural economies and rural life. (p.38)

Related policy statements:

Business and enterprise: merge budgets of Scottish Enterprise and Highlands and Islands Enterprise(p.21)

Community including safety: vulnerable groups (p.10); drug abuse (p.14)

Education and learning, including schools:

Culture, arts and heritage: arts/culture (p.24)

Equality, diversity and participation:

Government: regulation/red-tape (p.22/23); fundamental reviews into the roles and remits of SNH, the Forestry Commission, Forest Enterprise, and the Scottish Agricultural Wages Board (p.39); Onshore wind farms/ National Location Strategy/ other renewables (p.39)

Health:

Housing: social rented housing/stock transfer (p.8)

Marine, coastal and fisheries: Sustainable fishing communities/ environmental protection/ local control (p.39)

Natural environment: fundamental reviews into the roles and remits of SNH, the Forestry Commission, Forest Enterprise, and the Scottish Agricultural Wages Board. (p.39); Onshore wind-farms/ National Location Strategy/ other renewables (p.39)

Poverty, deprivation and regeneration:

Rural development and agriculture: Rural Schools Support Fund.(p.36); Scottish Public Procurement Unit (p.37); Starter Unit Pilot Schemes (SUPS) and new farmers/ £5m to fund pilots (p.38); CAP and EU (p.38); fundamental reviews into the roles and remits of SNH, the Forestry Commission, Forest Enterprise, and the

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Scottish Agricultural Wages Board. (p.39); Onshore wind-farms/ National Location Strategy/ other renewables (p.39)

Renewables, Recycling and Waste Management – see also ‘Ask 2’: Over-development of on-shore wind farms/ incentivise other renewables. (p.9); Onshore wind-farms/ National Location Strategy/ other renewables (p.39)

Transport and infrastructure: railways (p.18); road infrastructure. (p.19); Scottish Air Route Development Fund (p.20)

Utilities and infrastructure: Scottish Water mutualised (p.20)

Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise sector development:

Scottish Conservatives - Key ask 4: Better connections between relevant Government departments on built environment issues.

General policy statements providing context:

‘Government is generally not good at running things. ... after 8 years of devolved government ... we need a full assessment of where certain powers should lie. So we will commission a review of local government in Scotland, with a remit to pass power, wherever possible, back to people. (p.4)

Specific policy statements:

Related policy statements:

- ‘At times, neither local authorities nor community councils have all the answers. Often **the best approach** is to give more scope to charities, social enterprises and voluntary organisations. ... But our charities, voluntary organizations and social enterprises are often **too heavily regulated**, and too heavily let upon by the state to carry out government policies. (p.4)’
- Many tourists enjoy **Scottish arts and culture** ... We are keen to see the sector flourish, however we are of the view that the bodies which oversee the arts and culture face undue interference by the state ...we will ensure that these bodies are operationally independent from **interference by politicians**. (p.24)

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Scottish Greens - Key ask 1: Review of heritage protection legislation

General policy statements providing context:

Specific policy statements:

Related policy statements:

- Transfer subsidies from production to sustainable management and stewardship of our rural heritage (as permitted by EU) (p.22)

Scottish Greens - Key ask 2: Mechanisms to dramatic reduction in carbon emissions that arise directly from the built environment, including further revision to building standards

General policy statements providing context:

'Calculations show that we must **reduce our emissions of CO2 by 90% by 2050**. This is a major challenge but it is achievable. ... A low carbon society will have many benefits ...' (p.15)

'Poor standards of energy efficiency in much of Scotland's housing stock are the cause of considerable fuel poverty as well as high carbon emissions: more than **half of Scotland's greenhouse gas emissions** come from the **Built Environment**.' (p.16)

Specific policy statements:

- Cut greenhouse gas emissions from waste management by at least 50% by 2020 (p.6)
- Support for Industry and academia for creation of technology for low carbon economy (p.7)
- Scottish Executive required to produce a sustainable energy plan for Scotland and cabinet level Minister for Sustainable Development and Climate Change. (p.15)
- Law – requiring Scottish Executive action plan to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by at least 4.5% a year – to achieve 90% reduction (on 1990 levels) by 2050 (p.15)
- Seek powers for Scottish Parliament over all energy matters (p.15)
- Local authorities – assess carbon emissions and set reduction targets (p.15)
- Climate Challenge fund of £100m to support community initiatives on carbon emission reduction (p.15)
- Binding targets for improve energy efficiency of housing – 40% by 2020.(p.16)
- Enhance building standards for energy efficiency so that 'passive house' standard applies, and all new buildings are zero carbon in use from 2011 (p.16)
- No Scottish home falls below NHER 7 (home energy rating) by 2016 – to ensure fuel poverty target is met (p.16)
- Sold or rented buildings have a Home Energy Certificate by Spring 2008 (p.16)

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- Smart meters in all new homes by 2009, and programme of retro-fitting (p.16)
- By 2010 65,000 homes a year are built or renovated to achieve zero carbon emissions (p.16)
- Phase out incandescent light bulbs (p.16)
- Scotland to generate 70% of its electricity from renewables by 2020, and 100% by 2050 (p.16)
- Double financial support for 'wet' renewables, and main support for on-shore wind power without compromising wild places (p.16)
- Local authorities will be obliged to prepare Local Renewable energy strategies (p.16)
- 15% of our heating needs from renewable and micro-generation by 2020 – responsibility of heat energy supplies to obtain a % through renewables
- Local authorities to offer Council tax or local tax rebate to households and enterprises who reduce their environmental impact (p.16)
- Require Local authorities to plan for decentralised energy strategy – to support reduction in carbon emissions at least 25% beyond building regulation standards (p.16)
- Electricity suppliers to install meters to all new houses allowing excess electricity production to be sold back to the grid (p.16)
- Triple grants for Scottish Community and Householder Renewables Initiative – supports householder and community installing renewable energy devices (p.16/17)
- New thermal power stations required to use waste heat.

Related policy statements:

- Use of carbon capture in short to medium term (p.17)
- Peat management Unit established to deliver peat-land protection plan. (p.17)
- Hydrogen as transport fuel from renewable energy (p.17)

Scottish Greens - Key ask 3: Mechanisms to ensure good design sits at heart of development

General policy statements providing context:

'Scotland's policies for urban regeneration have remained more or less unchanged since the 1980s, without any major reduction in poverty. Greens believe that this is because the Scottish Executive is failing to involve local communities and businesses adequately in the process. ... Rather than merely being consulted, communities must have real participation in decision-making, especially in the planning system.'
(p.3)

'Government decision-making should take account of sustainability and social justice, not GDP alone ... such as Index of Sustainable Economic Welfare ... '(p.4)

'... the particular challenge of poverty, housing, transport, health care and community care in rural areas'
(p.7)

'... To provide adequate housing for everyone, we need greater diversity of housing including expansion of the social rented sector. ...' (p.8)

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'The only long-term solution is for an efficient, integrated public transport system to become the default choice for most people's travel needs ... Many transport issues arise due to non-strategic, non-integrated planning of homes, schools, public services and workplaces' (p.18)

Specific policy statements:

Holistic Design:

Community participation (in place-making):

- National Planning Framework – rigorous public scrutiny (p.3)
- Community right of appeal against planning decisions (p.3)
- Environmental Justice Fund (£2m+) – initiate improvements/respond to threats (p.3)
- Local cooperatives and housing associations as an 'anchor' for community involvement (p.8)
- Support community-owned sports clubs (p.12)
- Community policing and listening to communities to help create public spaces less vulnerable to crime (p.13)
- Working with disabled people to remove barriers to their involvement (p.14)
- Community owned energy regeneration (p.16)
- Community right to buy urban as well as rural communities (p.21)

Urban design and place-making:

- Statutory code for supermarkets (p.6)
- Housing Target – by 2012 everyone who is homeless shall have a home (agree with) (p.8)
- Housing – range of measures on mixed tenure, stock-transfer, local cooperatives and associations, right to buy, homestake, Land Value Tax, use of empty buildings (p.8)
- Race Equality Duty, Gender Duty, Disability Duty implemented by public sector (p.14)
- Local authority sites for Gypsy Travellers (p.14)
- Flood defences, prohibition of new buildings on flood plans, use of soft catchment management (p.17)
- Road safety and social exclusion – traffic calming, speed limits, priority of walkers and cyclists (p.18)
- Walking – pavement quality, planning applications (p.18)

Sustainable communities and the Built Environment:

- Sustainable Communities Bill – to inhibit clone towns; establish Community Service Agreements; local business tax regeneration credits; 5-10% community ownership target in regeneration areas; support for social enterprises. (p.3)
- Work with local authorities and business to introduce environmental levies (p.4)
- SME's/Business – revise business rating system; more attention from Scottish Enterprise and Local Enterprise Companies (p.4)
- 10% of public spending through social enterprise (p.4)
- Land Value Tax to replace council tax and business rates (p.4)
- Development of effective pollution tax plans at UK and EC level (p.4)
- Ecological footprint reduction plans for public services (p.5)
- Encourage local exchange trading systems (LETS) and time banks. (p.5)

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- Zero waste strategy (p.6)
- National Waste strategy (p.6)
- Scottish Enterprise and HIE to promote sustainable rural development (p.7)
- Supporting crofting – using powers of Crofting Reform Act (p.7)
- Audit green play space and protect playing fields/green spaces (p.12)
- Cycling – quadruple funding by 2014 to 4% of transport budget (p.19)
- Community owned energy regeneration (p.16)
- Community right to buy urban as well as rural communities (p.21)
- Audit of common good land in every local authority (p.21)
- Sustainable Access Fund to replace Air Route Development Fund and transfer funds to support transport to remote places. (p.20)

Sense of Place – heritage and culture:

- Scottish Enterprise and Local Enterprise Companies – cover social and cultural aspects of development like Highland and Island Enterprise (p.4)
- All year round sustainable tourism industry (p.7)
- On shore wind farms and wild places (p.16)
- Boost domestic tourism using public funds saved from subsidizing cheap flights abroad (p.20)
- Transfer subsidies from production to sustainable management and stewardship of our rural heritage (as permitted by EU) (p.22)

Related policy statements:

Business and enterprise: Launch new Cooperative agency (p.4)

Community including safety: National strategy for community health projects (p.10); Enforcement agencies and environmental crime (p.13)

Education and learning, including schools: Sustainable development and citizenship education in schools (p.9); Schools achieving eco-status (p.10); PFI (p.5); PFI – short-terms, substandard buildings (p.10)

Culture, arts and heritage:

Equality, diversity and participation: Race Equality Duty, Gender Duty, Disability Duty implemented by public sector (p.14)

Government:

Health: Coordination of health policy across all government departments – ‘health proof’ (p.10); PFI (p.5); PFI – short-termism, substandard buildings (p.10)

Housing:

Marine, coastal and fisheries: Land, coastal and Marine Parks – including Flow Country as World Heritage Site (p.22); Marine legislation – consolidate existing legislation into Marine Bill (p.23); Sustainable fisheries and aqua-culture – fishing community regeneration plan (p.23)

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Natural environment: Nature and Wildlife - Biodiversity Action Plan implemented, review 2004 Nature; Conservation Act, European Habitats Directive (p.22); Land, coastal and Marine Parks – including Flow Country as World Heritage Site (p.22); Sustainable fisheries and aqua-culture – fishing community regeneration plan (p.23)

Poverty, deprivation and regeneration:

Rural development and agriculture: Land, coastal and Marine Parks – including Flow Country as World Heritage Site (p.22); Sustainable fisheries and aqua-culture – fishing community regeneration plan (p.23); Closure of Rural post offices (p.7); Farming - Organic action plan, land management contracts, EU funding (p.21)

Renewables, Recycling and Waste Management – see also ‘Ask 2’: Waste and recycling (p.6); Oppose plans for new incinerators (p.6)

Transport and infrastructure: Buses – regulation and support for rural buses (p.19); Rail – public ownership (p.19); Freight – build on success of Freight Facilities Grant (p.19); Road – legislate for statutory road traffic reduction targets to 2021 (p.20); Air – reduce aviation to 1990 levels (p.20)

Utilities and infrastructure: Scottish Water – public ownership (p.5); National grid (p.5)

Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise sector development:

Scottish Greens - Key ask 4: Better connections between relevant Government departments on built environment issues

General policy statements providing context:

We will support the provision of impartial advice to government and politicians and ensure this is provided transparently. All too often the current system allows vested interests to masquerade as impartial. (p.7)

We support calls for Scottish independence, not out of nationalistic fervour, but as means to create a more locally-based sustainable and democratic society ... urgent need for greater fiscal autonomy ... and more devolved powers (p.25)

Specific policy statements:

Related policy statements:

Devolution of power to community councils (p.25)

Joined-up government for health (p.)

Written constitution, Aarhus Convention on access to environmental information, Environmental Court (p.25)

SCOTTISH LABOUR PARTY MANIFESTO

Scottish Labour - Key ask 1: Review of Heritage Protection Legislation

General policy statements providing context:

'... a Scotland which is proud of its beautiful surroundings and rich history, but which also embraces the opportunities presented by change. Scottish Labour remains committed to an inclusive Scotland where everyone – no matter their background – shares in Scotland's rich cultural and sporting heritage.' (p.91)

Specific policy statements:

- 'We will celebrate and conserve Scotland's built heritage as well as our world-famous landscapes, and will modernize legislation in this area if required.' (p.94)

Related policy statements:

- 'We will continue to ensure that the skills required to maintain our historic buildings – such as stonemasonry – are available in Scotland by supporting the projects that ensure their survival, in particular training. We will ensure that owners of listed buildings keep them in proper repair, and ensure that the wider community interest is taken into account.' (p.95)

Scottish Labour - Key ask 2: Mechanisms to enable a dramatic reduction in carbon emissions from the Built Environment

General Policy statements providing context:

'Labour has placed sustainable development at the heart of government and environmental justice at the heart of our approach to sustainability ...' (p.67)

Specific Policy statements:

- 'We will introduce **new planning regulations** to make it easier for people to install **wind-turbines and solar panels** and ensure **new public sector buildings include micro-renewable energy** wherever they can' (p.19)
- 'Our aim is to have all **new schools being carbon neutral buildings**' (p.29)
- 'We will **consult on how to reduce emissions** through planning, energy, building standards, agricultural practice and incentives through local taxation' (p.67)
- 'We will commit in our Scottish Climate Change Bill to **cut CO2 emissions by 60% by 2050** and **introduce annual reports on progress** to the Scottish Parliament to strengthen monitoring and accountability.' (p.68)

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- 'We will ensure that all **new houses are built to higher energy efficiency standards** and will incorporate micro-generation technologies as standard. We will also make it easier for people to **upgrade their homes** with small-scale micro-renewables, such as wind turbines and solar panels on houses and **provide grants** for doing so.' (p.68) ('tougher building standards')
- We will consider how the **proposed UK Carbon Committee** should best work with the devolved Scottish Government to reduce emissions across the economy and over time with the establishment of a **Ministerial Committee on Carbon Reduction** to drive change.' (p.68)
- 'We will encourage every **local authority and public sector organizations** to set up **carbon committees** to continue to the drive to reduce our CO2 emissions at every level of decision-making, again with annual reporting.' (p.68)
- 'We will introduce **carbon budgeting** to ensure emissions are demonstrably reducing year on year' (p.69)
- '**... every person and every sector** in Scotland needs to play it's role in tackling climate change' (p.69)
- 'will set tough targets for **Scottish Government** to be **carbon neutral** and ensure that the Scottish Executive and its agencies greatly increase their recycling rates' (p.69)
- 'Our aspiration is for **carbon free housing by 2016**. We will raise **building standards** to provide homes that use less fuel and emit less carbon so they are more environmentally friendly and cheaper to live in .' (p70)
- 'We will: **progressively increase the standards of energy efficiency** and micro-generation that form part of new housing developments over the next Parliament by at least 15% by 2011' (p.70)
- 'hold a series of **design competitions** to encourage the **best housing design** and technology to build carbon neutral new homes that are warm and cheaper to run' (p.70)
- 'introduce a **Scottish Standard for Sustainable Homes** which will be a housing quality standard that will for the first time **encourage eco-friendly homes.**' (p.70)
- 'work with local government to establish a **local authority carbon trading scheme** where those that introduce more energy saving measures and fall below an emissions cap can sell the balance to their less efficient neighbours' (p.70)
- 'We will give **serious consideration** to adopting **the footprint concept**' (p.70)
- 'We will continue to **work with business** on environmental matters' (p.70)
- 'We will take forward our commitment to **tackling fuel poverty** by targeting resources on the most fuel poor, especially older and vulnerable people. The focus will be on increasing energy efficiency through better controlled heating, improved insulation and schemes which help reduce energy use or the cost of energy such as combined heat and power schemes.' (p.85)

Related policy statements:

- Sustainability a core strand of Spending Review (p.67)
- 50% of electricity generation by 2020 through renewables (p.68)
- Integrated public transport system (p.69)
- Insulate pensioners homes (p.69)

Scottish Labour - Key ask 3: Mechanisms to ensure good design sits at heart of development

General policy statements:

'Scottish Labour will ensure that **planning reforms and city region plans** link cities with their wider regions, creating better infrastructure, improved access to the job market and **creating wealth across the regions to ensure all areas benefit**' (p.21)

'We will take the bold decisions needed to improve the health of everyone in Scotland. Our drive to end child poverty, achieve full employment, **improve housing and regenerate deprived communities is also vital to improving Scotland's health.**' (p.54)

'Labour has placed sustainable development at the heart of government and environmental justice at the heart of our approach to sustainability ...' (p.67)

'Labour is committed to ensuring that everyone lives in decent warm homes in **strong mixed communities** and we are bringing together our policies on **housing, regeneration and planning**' (p.83)

Specific policy statements:

Holistic Design:

- 'hold a series of **design competitions** to encourage **the best housing design** and technology to build carbon neutral new homes that are warm and cheaper to run' (p.70)
- 'will: within the **National Planning Framework**, allow for greater private sector house-building, but with stricter conditions applied for **design and environmental standards.**'
- 'a number of new buildings have attracted attention around the world, such as the Scottish Parliament and Maggie's Centre in Dundee. We will use this confidence in **architecture in Scotland** to ensure that **we create not only good buildings, but good welcoming communities too**' (p.94)

Community participation (in place-making):

- 'ensure all local authorities have an **older people's forum** to inform them when they are designing and delivering services' (p.81)
- 'ensure **local people are involved** at every stage of **regeneration developments**' (p.83)

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- 'We will implement the provisions of the Planning Bill which will **transform the culture of planning in Scotland**. We will utilize National and **local development plans** as a means of **promoting public consultations** and involvement in planning decisions. Local development plans in particular will allow individuals and communities to express their views on plans before implementation and hold the authorities to account for the way they implement them. We will publish a **best practice charter** to be followed by all public bodies on planning matters – including Scottish Water and Scottish Enterprise.' (p.86)
- 'whether tenants have voted for stock transfer or not we will continue to improve socially rented homes. Labour will support councils working in **partnership with housing associations, housing coops and others** to meet changing patterns of tenure, the needs of an ageing population, and more single person occupancy' (p.84)
- '**Community planning** is helping local authorities work together **with local people** to plan and deliver better services ...' (p.101)

Urban design and place-making:

- 'We will set up a **Town Centre Turnaround Fund** ... invest an initial £50 million ... as a primer to attract other public and private funding.' (p.22)
- 'establish **Town Centre Trusts** comprising key national and local stakeholders which will be tasked with developing local plans for town centre regeneration' (p.22)
- 'require all public agencies to **incorporate population ageing** in their **planning processes**' (p.81)
- 'will **re-invigorate Scotland's town centres** by creating **new partnerships** between public agencies and the small businesses at the heart of our town centres, with powers and resources to act. **Town Centre strategies** will harness the ideas and innovation of local people (p.21).
- 'Through the **National Planning Framework**, Scottish Labour will allow for a significant increase in the number of new private sector homes built in Scotland each year. However, any further expansion will be conditional on housebuilders and planners implementing **higher standards of design, both of the individual properties, and the communities created**. There will also be a greater expectation that new property developments will include affordable social housing.' (p.83)
- 'will further improve the **standard of rented housing** in both the private and socially rented sectors, ensuring all social landlords meet the **Scottish Quality Housing Standard by 2015**, and requiring them to submit plans setting out a strategy for ensuring a **sustainable future for the stock** they are responsible for.' (p.84)

Sustainable communities and the Built Environment:

- 'will use our recently **reformed planning law**, establish a **community environment standard** and set up an action team of NGOs (Partnership for Environmental Action) and others to improve access to greenspace for families and children, especially for areas where people have few opportunities to enjoy it.' (p.70/71)

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- 'require **developers of new housing schemes** to include community facilities and high quality **greenspace in their plans**' (p.82)
- 'It is important that people feel their **town centre is clean, successful and safe**. We will work to make Scotland's towns a place to live in, work and enjoy.' (p.21)
- 'Our tourism, fishing, farming, forestry and food and drink industries are vital to the **sustainability of rural communities** and the rural economy.' (p.71)
- 'will also build on the **right to buy in rural areas** and look to **extend this right-to-buy to larger communities**' (p.72)
- act on outcome of crofting review through legislation; encourage young people (p.72)
- 'will: within the **National Planning Framework**, allow for greater private sector house-building, but with stricter conditions applied for **design and environmental standards**.'
- 'will also take further action towards **the sustainable management of flooding** ... will **review our legislation** on flood management and planning to ensure the development of schemes fit for the 21st century, with a streamlined and more effective process. (p.75)
- '... has a clear commitment to promoting **environmental sustainability through our transport policies**' (p.89)

Place – heritage and culture

- 'focus on **the protection of our industrial heritage** as an aspect of **regeneration**, while securing the environment improvements, for example creating foot and cycle-path networks, nature reserves and green corridors on vacant and derelict sites.' (p.83)
- '**Our tourism**, fishing, farming, forestry and food and drink industries are vital to **the sustainability of rural communities** and the rural economy.' (p.71)
- Tourism – one of six high growth areas to be invested in (p.10)

Related policy statements:

Business and enterprise: small business rates relief scheme (p.15); procurement/local business, and reform enterprise agencies (p.16)

Community including safety: community wardens and policing (p.41)

Education and learning, including schools: school building programme (p.26 & 29); university building programme (p.34)

Culture, arts and heritage: Eco-tourism, Green Tourism Business Scheme (p.20); new sports facilities (p.92); environmentally-friendly Commonwealth Games (inc. legislation) (p.92); public art landmark (p.93); promote St. Andrews Day with employers (p.)

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Equality, diversity and participation: quality of life for older people (p.80); Gaelic Road signs (p.95)

Government: 'one in, one out' policy for regulation (p.16)

Health: wider indicators of well-being (p.17); hospital building programme (p.56); workplaces and mental health (p.62)

Housing: wood in house-building (p.73); homestake scheme (p.78); right to buy (p.83); social landlords and anti-social behaviour (p.84)

Marine, coastal and fisheries: marine park (p.73);

Natural environment:

Poverty, deprivation and regeneration: child poverty to be halved by 2010/ improved housing (p.77)

Rural development and agriculture: land for houses in rural areas (p.71)

Renewables, Recycling and Waste Management – see also 'Ask 2': mixed renewables strategy (p.18);

Transport and infrastructure: rail – new lines, new stations (p.86); road network, improve road safety, congestion (p.87); air and ferry (p.89)

Utilities and infrastructure:

Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise sector development:

Scottish Labour - Key ask 4: better connections between relevant government departments on Built Environment issues.

General policy statements providing context:

'Scottish Labour remains committed to the principles of devolution. The Union has served us well giving us the advantage of being in a strong UK economy with the flexibility of devolution to make our own decisions on key domestic matters ... Scottish Labour will continue to use the flexibility in the Scotland Act to allow any necessary changes we to make Scotland stronger.' (p.97)

Specific policy statements:

- 'will work to foster trust. We will support local government, the voluntary sector and public servants to get on with their job.' (p.100)

Related policy statements:

- 'We will ensure the voluntary sector benefit from a new application system for grants based on three year funding and the integration of applications to avoid multiple forms for different funding. We will streamline bureaucracy between Ministers in Edinburgh and London by, for example,

cutting out duplication in applications to, and information required by, UK and Scottish government departments’.

- ‘... every sector in Scotland needs to play it’s role in tackling climate change’ (p.69)
- ‘will improve Parliamentary procedure. We will build on the success of the petitions process and the committee system in the Scottish Parliament.’ (p.99)
- ‘is committed to strengthening local democracy and we will continue to develop a more flexible relationship between local authorities and devolved government based on trust and agreed outcomes.’ (p.100)

SCOTTISH LIBERAL DEMOCRAT PARTY MANIFESTO

Scottish Lib Dems - Key ask 1: Review of heritage protection legislation

General policy statements providing context:

'Our whole programme for government is based fundamentally on the principles of sustainable development. In every section of this manifesto we outline policies to make the links between the health and wellbeing of citizens, sustainable development of the economy, and the best management of our natural heritage to deliver a sustainable Scotland.' (p.3)

Specific policy statements:

- 'As part of our efforts to promote, celebrate and enhance our culture and heritage and build our reputation as an excellent tourism destination, we continue to promote measures to protect the historic environment, carrying through on the recently published Scottish Historic Environment Policy guidance and completing an audit of our historic environment.' (p.85)

Related policy statements:

- 'We will consult on options for new legislation to renew National Scenic Areas as a useful tool for protecting landscape.' (p.39)

Scottish Lib Dems - Key ask 2: Mechanisms to enable a dramatic reduction in carbon emissions that arise directly from the built environment, including further revision to building standards

General policy statements providing context:

'Our whole programme for government is based fundamentally on **the principles of sustainable development**. In every section of this manifesto we outline policies to make the links between the health and wellbeing of citizens, sustainable development of the economy, and the best management of our natural heritage to deliver a sustainable Scotland.' (p.3)

'*May 07*: I will appoint ministers given tough new roles to deliver **our priorities**: (includes) **Carbon saving and climate change**'. (p.5)

September 07: I will publish our Scottish Energy Bill: new targets for renewable energy including 100% by 2050; increased energy efficiency in the public and private sector; a £200 rebate on local taxes for households that fit micro-power (p.5)

Environmental priorities: 100% renewable electricity with major investment in wave and tidal power; reduce energy demands with investment in energy efficiency, micro-generation and local power; reduce waste and increase recycling rates to 70% by 2020; cut carbon emissions with 4 year targets and annual report. (p.6)

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'... I'm determined that Scotland should be **the renewables powerhouse of Europe ...**' (p.30)

If we are truly to achieve **a sustainable future, energy use reduction needs to be at the heart of our energy policy** with a clear strategy to reduce demand across society. ... All areas of society must play a part: government, business, communities, households. I want to see more decentralized energy, micro-generation, energy efficiency and renewable energy, to reduce demand and carbon emissions across Scotland. (p.32)

Specific policy statements:

- 'September 07: I will publish our **Scottish Energy Bill**: new targets for renewable energy including 100% by 2050; increased energy efficiency in the public and private sector; a £200 rebate on local taxes for households that fit micro-power.' (p.5)
- 'I want to bring forward changes to the system of **business rate valuations** to encourage small business to make the green switch to micro-power and energy efficiency. I also want to extend support to business to invest in energy efficiency and micro-generation through the **Loan Action Scotland** scheme, providing an additional £4million over the term of the next Scottish Parliament.' (p.29)
- 'Woking Council has cut its greenhouse gas emissions by 72% and its energy consumption by 44%. I will establish a **Carbon Challenge Demonstration Fund** to support innovative low Carbon developments and help towns and cities in Scotland achieve similar results.' (p.31)
- 'I... we will consult on the introduction of a new target to **reduce electricity use** by 20% by 2050.' (p.32)
- '... I want all new homes to meet high levels of energy efficiency through tighter building regulations. So **from 2010 I want all new buildings** – private and public – to use **onsite micro-power** to generate a fifth of the building's energy needs. ... I will take forward this pledge to reduce energy demands from housing, business and government in a new energy efficiency and micro-generation strategy ...' (p.32)
- 'I am committed to **ending fuel poverty by 2016**. According to the Scottish House Condition Survey an estimated 328,000 households were fuel poor in 2003/04. (33,000 children) ... In Helsinki I saw two new energy efficient flats that only needed to be heated three months of the year, when temperatures fall below zero.' (p.32)
- 'I believe that creating warm, dry homes is one of the top public health priorities for Scotland. ... Almost 3,000 deaths a year are linked to living in cold, damp housing. ...
- Tackling this problem needs holistic action. That's why I will bring together the existing programmes in to a new **Healthy Green Homes Fund**, to act as a one stop shop for public energy issues. ... This new fund will upgrade at least 40,000 homes every year from 2009. ... As part of the Fund we will increase the support to **housing associations and local authorities to ensure that they can meet new individual targets for installing micro-generation and energy efficiency measures** in their properties. ... the fund will also continue to support private homeowners looking for grant support to install micro-generation or improve energy efficiency in their homes.' (p.32, 33,34)

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- '**Planning rules** need to change to make it easier to install micro-renewables by making them permitted development. **Investment in training** is needed through our employers and colleges to increase the number of skilled installers.' (p.34)
- 'And so that conversion, renovation and investment in energy efficiency is not disadvantaged compared with new build projects, I want to press the Westminster Government to **reform VAT** and guarantee that micro-generated electricity can be sold back to the grid at market rate.' (p.34)
- 'I want to see **energy performance certificates** which change hands as part of single seller surveys and tenancy agreements. ... I will ensure that the **review of building standards for 2009** sees a further increase in thermal efficiency requirements to take us nearer to the best performing Scandinavian countries.' (p.34)
- 'My long term objective is for renewable energy to be generated on-site in every building. ... I want **every part of the public sector to develop an action plan so they too generate at least a fifth of their own energy on-site by 2020.**' (p.34)
- '... **Smart metering technology** in schools and homes will show people the cost of the energy they use.' (p.34)
- '... I want to build on the Liberal Democrat commitment which led to investment of £20million in **public sector energy efficiency** ... I want to double that fund again ...' (p.34)
- I want all **Scottish Executive buildings and transport to be carbon neutral** by 2012. ... And to ensure that sustainable development is practiced throughout every area of government we will **expand the remit of the Audit Committee** to include an assessment of each Scottish Executive Department ... **it will be renamed the sustainable development and audit committee.** (p.34)
- 'I want to create **local power in every community** in Scotland including combined heat and power, district heating systems, air and ground heat pumps, micro-renewables, biomass ... A recent study ... shows ... that only a **decentralized energy approach** will put cities like Edinburgh on the way to meeting the 2050 carbon reduction targets, with our capital city able to cut more than a quarter of its carbon emissions by 2025 under this approach ... I will make developing plans for more decentralized energy a key element of **our Energy Bill** ... ' (p.36)
- '... we will consult on a new requirement for all new power stations to include **cogeneration of electricity and heat** .. we will also consult on the introduction of new enterprise models such as **energy service companies** (ESOs) that can deliver local low emission energy.' (p.36)
- 80% of energy in homes is used for heating. I want a **new renewable heat strategy** for Scotland to cut carbon emissions ... (p.36)
- We will set a **10% target** of Scotland's heat needs to come from **renewable and micro-generation sources by 2010.** (p.36)
- We will work through a **Biomass Action plan**, to encourage production by farmers and provide the resources for a major expansion in combined heat and power. (p.36)

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- I want to see **wave machines** generating electricity in Scottish waters by the end of 2007. ... I will support more new wave and tidal power projects through **the Marine Energy Fund** and the **extended green credits support for the marine industry** ... (p.36)
- We will give our support to plans for a an **offshore 'supergrid'** so that Scotland develops it full renewables potential (p.36)
- We will introduce specific and ambitious targets to reduce carbon emissions with a **4 year overall Carbon reduction target** and **an annual report to Parliament** on progress towards meeting that target. ... The annual report to Parliament will track Scotland's progress in meeting a 12.5% reduction by 2010 and 60% by 2050. We will also work with the UK Government to ensure the UK play a leading role in establishing a robust agreement on targets to reduce significantly global emissions beyond 2012, ... (p.30)
- 100% (renewable energy) by 2050. (p.36)

Related policy statements:

- '... we work to preserve and improve our **peat-lands**, which are important as carbon sinks as well as for their unique bio-diversity.' (p.39)
- 'In the short term we must develop **carbon capture and clean coal technology**. In the medium term we must realize the full potential from hydrogen technologies and fuel cell storage.' (p.36)
- Scotland does not need new **nuclear power**. (p.36)
- As part of our wider drive to reduce carbon emissions we introduce a '**carbon balance sheet**' for **transport** which will present the impact of all Scottish transport policies ... (p.66)

Scottish Lib Dems - Key ask 3: Mechanisms to ensure good design sits at heart of development

General policy statements providing context:

'Our whole programme for government is based fundamentally on **the principles of sustainable development**. In every section of this manifesto we outline policies to make the links between the health and wellbeing of citizens, sustainable development of the economy, and the best management of our natural heritage to deliver a sustainable Scotland.' (p.3)

'I will continue to make **sustainable economic growth a national priority** ... we will publish economic forecasts for Scotland and require departments to demonstrate how they contribute to sustainable growth as part of the annual budget process.' (p.20)

'To create this bright future for Scotland's economy I believe there are six key priorities: a more competitive Scotland; **world class infrastructure**; investment in industry; skills and training; excellence and internationalism; **and cutting regulation.**' (p.20)

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Parliaments are often very good at **passing new regulations and legislation** and not so good at reviewing their impact. For regulations with a significant impact on business I want to see a review after four to five years to determine their impact, effectiveness and cost, with input from business itself (p.29)

'Every single aspect of government needs to be focused on the **links between public health and the environment we live in**. Access to greenspace; living in warm, dry homes; the ability to cycle safely instead of using the car; breathing clean air; these are just as much matters of health as visiting your doctor or hospital.' (p.48)

'Research in Sweden shows that there is a strong link between **'power to influence' and good health.**'(p.74)

'I want to **supplement GDP with other measures which look at the quality of life**. ... We will measure quality of life in Scotland against our neighbours and competitors to change the culture across government.'

Specific policy statements:

Holistic Design:

- I will pilot the idea of a **Neighbourhood standard** where local communities are empowered to look for **high standards of design**, safety and support in their local city, town or suburban centres, supported by neighbourhood wardens. I want to see community street audits of key walking routes ... and public transport access points to provide an effective driver for safe roads and pavements ... **Our built environment must be suitable for people with disabilities**, with street furniture provided on a 'Design for All' basis, accessible kerbs at necessary points, and a major effort to tackle parking on pavements. (p.76)

Community participation (in place-making);

- 'I want to ensure that the National Planning Framework for Scotland is developed quickly and is subject to detailed consultation by the Scottish Parliament and a range of stakeholders.' (p.22)
- ... build on wide support, in principle, for a **coastal and marine national park by consulting widely with community** and sectoral interest groups ... (p.39)
- 'I want to support an innovative scheme ... **Community Land Trusts** empower local people to take action for themselves to meet local housing needs. ... We will encourage local authorities and public agencies to make more land available for affordable housing and set up a new fund to support communities to take advantage of this approach.' (p.70)
- I want to see **new models of community management**. ... I want to see the opportunity for communities to manage local libraries, parks, sports facilities and other spaces and services ... Equally, councils and communities must decide how they want to address local needs. ... public services might be passed to social enterprises, the voluntary sector or cooperatives, with a clear remit to ensure public engagement in their work. ... In some areas community councils might have the right to take on functions from the local council ... We will create a right in local communities to require the establishment of a Burgh Council, Community Trust or similar body in their local area. ... (p.78)

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- Where a council can't demonstrate a coherent strategy to use land in its ownership for community benefit, it should be encouraged to **transfer ownership to community groups**. (p.78)
- I want to introduce a new **'light touch' programme** to help engage communities and give them back the power to influence events in their area. (p.78)
- And to back up the community planning process and encourage agencies to work together I want to introduce **local spending plans** which set out the details of all government spending in a local authority ... (p.78)
- We will encourage the formation of local forums for older people to have a say in services in their area ... (p.81)

Urban design and place-making:

- 'I want to pilot a new initiative with SEPA to move to a **more proportionate risk-based system of regulation and enforcement**.' (p.29)
- We will ensure that **Strategic Environmental Assessment** takes proper account of the relationship between good health and the environment. (p.48)
- I want to introduce a new **Play Fund** to refurbish, renovate and reinstate play areas ... (p.50)
- We want to support disabled people towards independent living with a user-led Centre for Independent Living in every local authority and stronger minimum statutory requirements for the delivery of services ... We will encourage local authorities to put in place **Registers of Accessible Housing** to ensure that best use is made of housing stock ... (p.58)
- My long term aspiration is for **no child to be killed on Scotland's roads**. ... In 1997 the Swedish Government launched its 'Vision Zero' policy stating that any road deaths were unacceptable. We will consult on what lessons Scotland can learn ... (p.64)
- I want to see government, business and local people pulling together to regenerate communities. I want to see more innovative local funding vehicles to lever in additional private investment and work towards a **National Regeneration Fund**, creating a joint venture partnership between the public sector and private sector to support infrastructure costs, land remediation, mixed use developments and environmental improvements. (p.74)
- We will support the roll out of **Business Improvement Districts** and encourage local authorities to grow their economy by allowing to retain all business rate receipts generated above a target and trend rather than surrender them to the central pool. To encourage the best use of local resources, we will consult on removing or reducing empty property rates relief with local authorities able to keep the proceeds of any additional revenue. (p.76)
- I will introduce a **Small Retailers Support Fund**. This will allow local authorities to extend discretionary rates relief to 100% for small, independent shops designated as having a community benefit. ... In addition to our plans to double small business relief rates relief, this will offer real support to smaller shops. I believe we need to invest in our small towns, with a regeneration fund to breathe new life into small towns. (p.76)

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- In Scotland we have a long history of recognizing the common good of shared public spaces and buildings for communities. Yet the stewardship of common good funds has frequently been unsatisfactory and unaccountable ... I want to see a **new Common Good Act** to regulate, protect and modernize the framework for land property, or funds to be held in trust for the local community, and allowing the revitalization of common good funds where local people can have access to money to regenerate local communities and spaces. (p.78)
- We want to give **local authorities more power** to take decisions suited to **the housing conditions in their area**. We will amend the current Pressurised Areas Status (PAS) and Right to buy (RTB) laws to give local authorities more flexibility. ... We will give local authorities the power to apply PAS to specific types of housing such as three, four and five bedroom houses where there are a shortage in supply. (p.80)
- We are committed to implementing and delivering on the initiatives in **the new Strategy for Ageing Population**. This will bring together action to recognize the contribution that older people can make ... It will also address issues including access to services, health and wellbeing, housing, transport and communities. (p.81)

Sustainable development and the Built Environment;

- Tackling this problem needs holistic action. That's why I will bring together the existing programmes in to a new **Healthy Green Homes Fund**, to act as a one stop shop for public energy issues. ... This new fund will upgrade at least 40,000 homes every year from 2009. ... As part of the Fund we will increase the support to **housing associations and local authorities to ensure that they can meet new individual targets for installing micro-generation and energy efficiency measures** in their properties. ... the fund will also continue to support private homeowners looking for grant support to install micro-generation or improve energy efficiency in their homes.' (p.32, 33,34)
- '... introduce **sustainable flood management policies** ... will include flood management measures within Land Management Contract prescriptions. We will also review the relevant legislation relating to flooding to ensure it remains fit for purpose.' (p.39)
- I will set a target to double cycling rates in Scotland by 2012. ... we will start with a **Cycling Demonstration Town Fund**. This will invest in cycle paths, road improvements and cycling facilities ... **Regional Transport Partnerships** will be required to promote cycling in their strategies ... (p.64)
- A number of European Cities ... have taken action to reduce the environmental and social impact of heavy freight in town and city centres through the use of **freight consolidation centres (FCCs)**. ... I want to work with business and the freight industry to develop a plan to pilot FCCs in Scotland and introduce **Freight Quality Partnerships** (p.66)
- Every major travel generator ... should develop a **sustainable transport plan** in association with local authorities and regional transport partnerships. ... The public sector will take a lead, ensuring that sustainable transport plans are in place by 2009 ... (p.66)
- I want to see all **policy and legislation 'rural proofed'** for its impact on rural areas. (p.68)

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- ... We will provide funding for a programme of investment in local community halls and facilities to act as **wider community hubs** ... helping to sustain services including a **rural post office network**. (p.68/70)
- ... We will encourage and promote the **conversion of redundant farm buildings** and cottages, making it easier to develop to develop redundant farm land for affordable housing. We will also **pilot 'unplugged' houses**, using micro-generation, recycling grey water and other environmental technologies to develop houses with reduced dependence on mains infrastructure. (p.70)
- We want to support Scotland's crofters to ensure a **secure future for crofting** with greater accountability and democratisation of the Crofters Commission, implementing the recommendations of the Crofters Inquiry following its completion at the end of 2007. (p.72)
- It is time to bring renewed life and purpose back to Scotland's **small towns and suburban centres**. I believe we need to invest in local neighbourhoods and breathe new life into towns, burghs and communities. (p.76)
- It's time that government understood that it's important to invest in our Natural Health Service – our greenspaces. ... Let's start by putting in place a legislative presumption **against the sale of urban greenspace** and playing fields for development. ... (p.77)

Sense of Place – heritage and culture:

- We will consult on options for new legislation to renew National Scenic Areas as a useful tool for protecting landscape. (p.39)
- 'We recognize the value of our **natural heritage** to Scotland's economy and social wellbeing, and seek to ensure its preservation and enhancement.' (p.38)
- Scottish Liberal Democrats believe that **preserving and enhancing Scotland's rural areas** and natural heritage is vital to Scotland's economic and social wellbeing. (p.68)
- 'As part of our efforts to promote, celebrate and enhance our culture and heritage and build our reputation as an excellent tourism destination, we will continue to **promote measures to protect the historic environment**, carrying through on the recently published Scottish Historic Environment Policy guidance and completing an audit of our historic environment.' (p.85)
- To reduce the impact of seasonality, we want to see more use of **Destination Management Organisations** to help diversify the tourism offering and spread of visitors throughout the year. (p.85)
- I believe that the health and vitality of **arts and cultural creation** and performance in Scotland is closely connected to **our sense of place** and to our community values. (p.84)

Related policy statements:

Business and enterprise: Business Improvement Districts (BIDS) (p.22); Enterprise agencies, Investment and Innovation Agency (p.24); WiFi Towns and Cities Fund. (p.23); Corporate Social Responsibility in Scotland (p.29); Project Enterprise scheme (p.80)

BEFS initial referencing report on Party Manifestos for Scottish Parliament Elections 2007.

Community including safety: Schools as community hubs (p.83); Creative Scotland/ cultural hubs(p.85); Grassroots Sports; Community Policing Plan (p.52)

Education and learning, including schools: School building programme; Eco school programme (p.39)

Equality, diversity and participation: Youth Participation/ Future of Scotland Bill (p.16); Youth Councils, Youth representation in public sector, Youth Parliament, Youth Banks (p.18)

Health: building programme for local health centres (p.40)

Housing: Homestake (p.68); regulation of Landlords (p.68); affordable homes for rent and sale (p.70); Scottish Housing Quality Standard, 2012 target to abolish unintentional homelessness. (p.78)

Marine, coastal and fisheries: Scottish Marine bill (p.39); 200 mile limit over marine spatial planning and marine conservation (p.39); Fisheries, Sea-bed/Crown Estate (p.72);

Natural environment: EU life+ funding (p.39); Nature Conservation (Scotland) 2004 Act and the Scottish Biodiversity Strategy (p.39); Water Framework Directive and the River Basin Management Plan (p.39)

Poverty, deprivation and regeneration: cross-party working group, a Project Enterprise scheme (p.80)

Rural development and agriculture: Remote Working Centres (p.23); Land Reform legislation on access, Core Path Plans(p.39); Broadband (p.68); reducing fuel duty (p.70); rural funding at EU level (p.72); Better Regulation Group/Agriculture, Agriculture Holdings Act (p.70); Less favoured Areas Support scheme (p.70/72); East Ayrshire school meals pilot/local suppliers/ public sector contracts (p.73)

Renewables, Recycling and Waste Management – see also ‘Ask 2’: municipal recycling and composting (p.38); growing of energy crops (p.72), Biomass Action Plan (p.73)

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Utilities and infrastructure:

Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise sectors: social enterprise models (p.29); Voluntary Sector Compact and Funding (p.74).

Scottish Lib Dems - Key ask 4: Better connections between relevant Government departments on built environment issues

General policy statements providing context:

‘The Steel Commission is right to call for a second constitutional convention to consider the best ways to devolve new powers, including taxation to the Scottish Parliament. ... The Steel Commission recommended

the creation of a joint committee of the Scottish and UK Parliaments, and a new category of powers where the two Parliaments should work in partnership.' (p.86)

'I want to see a new system of fiscal federalism to increase significantly the taxation power of the Scottish Parliament in order to improve accountability ... '(p.86)

'We must not impose a one size fits all policy on local government or communities. ... That's why I will oppose central diktats and instead allow councils to draw up their own internal structures.' (p.87)

Specific policy statements:

- We will establish a Governance of Scotland Commission to undertake a comprehensive examination of the structure and operation of the whole public sector, including the quango state. (p.86)

Related policy statements:

- 'I want to see a revitalized Compact between local government and the voluntary sector, which recognizes the need for stable funding, the importance of the voluntary sector and its growing potential to help deliver flexible public services with a human face.' (p.74)
- 'I want to launch a new Service Scotland agenda to develop a one stop shop culture in Scotland's public services. (p.80) ... I want to launch a four year programme of reform to encourage joint working, improve access to information and reduce bureaucracy.' (p.81).

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SNP - Key ask 1: Review of heritage protection legislation

General policy statements providing context:

'We will bring together responsibility for **enterprise, tourism and infrastructure under a single minister** in the **Department of Finance and Sustainable Growth**, so that policy as a whole reflects the needs and interests of the industry (tourism)' (p.23).

Specific Policy Statements:

Current legislation on built heritage is complex and piece-meal, with significant gaps. For example, there is no statutory protection for battlefield sites in Scotland. **An SNP government will conduct a full review and consultation on the legislation covering heritage protection, with a view to bringing forward a Heritage Bill in the next session of Parliament.** (p.57)

Related policy statements:

'... **Scottish history, culture and heritage** will be embedded in **school life** to provide a Scottish world view. ...' (p.52)

'We will reduce duplication by **merging** the 'Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Scotland' into 'Historic Scotland'.' (p.57)

SNP - Key ask 2: Mechanisms to enable dramatic reduction in carbon emissions that arise directly from the built environment, including further revision to building standards

General statements providing context:

'The **Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Sustainable Growth** will be responsible for the effective management of Scotland's budget and delivering the right mix of policies to **ensure faster, sustainable growth in the Scottish economy.**' (p.18)

'Growth must include the whole society and **not come at the expense of our environment.** We set ourselves a new commitment to **deliver high levels of sustainable growth** for Scotland, with three Scottish standards – solidarity, cohesion and sustainability: ... iii. Sustainability – extend the current emissions commitment beyond 2012 to ensure continued cuts in CO2 output equivalent to a 3 per cent annual reduction. (p.21)

'By combining **responsibility for the environment, transport and sustainable growth within one department of government**, we will ensure that our broader commitment to lower emissions in Scotland is met, while ensuring we have the necessary infrastructure to allow Scotland's economy to more effectively compete and succeed.' (p.24)

Specific policy statements:

- We will introduce a **Climate Change Bill** with mandatory carbon reduction targets of 3% per annum and also set a long-term target of cutting emissions by a minimum of 80% by 2050 – above the UK target of 60%. ... To take forward this commitment, we will **assess and then offset the carbon impact of major government projects**, including much needed improvements to Scotland's road network. (p.29).
- Government, its agencies and other public bodies including the NHS and Local Authorities have a responsibility to take a lead. ... In government the SNP will set out proposals to ensure there is a **renewable capability in each public building** – starting with a commitment to renewable generation in every Scottish school. ... We will also examine **options for including environmental and community clauses in public procurement contracts**. (p.29)
- We will establish an **expert panel** to report on the changes we need to make to **building regulations in Scotland to increase energy efficiency** and encourage more local energy production. (p.30)
- We will **consult on proposals** to introduce a planning presumption **requiring new buildings in Scotland to include sufficient renewable generation on –site** to deliver between 20% and 50% of energy needs. (p.30)
- Beyond this, our target must be that new build houses should meet the same rigorous standards that exist in Scandanavia, allowing housebuilders to significantly reduce their energy use and energy bills. We will **consult** on setting a new guideline **for energy saving in new buildings** with the aim of reducing their **energy footprint by between 20% and 33%**. (p.30)
- In government we will send a clear signal of support and will work with the organizers of **Glasgow 2014** to ensure that a commitment to **zero-carbon athletes' accommodation** is part of their bid for the Commonwealth Games. (p.30)
- We will also **examine options** to ensure new build schools and hospitals meet the **highest energy efficiency design standards**. (p.30)
- Improving energy efficiency is central to our task ... in the first 100 days ... we will institute a **Scottish Energy Efficiency Design Awards** to bring together our best designers, the construction and manufacturing industries ... in total £1million will be available in prize money and development incentives so we can turn our best energy savings ideas into workable energy efficient products. (p. 30)
- In **our first budget** for Scotland, the SNP in government will also set out plans to **quadruple the financial support for family and community micro-generation** scheme... we will bring forward plans to support the long-term deployment of energy generation or energy saving in 1 million Scottish homes. (p.31)
- We will **launch a Saltire prize** to promote future innovation and technological endeavour. Set at £5 million ... The first Saltire Prize will focus on **developing Scotland's renewable generation capacity**. (p.23)

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- Within the Department for Finance and Sustainable Growth there will be a particular focus on Scotland's contribution to tackling climate change overseen by our nation's **first Climate Change Minister (Minister for Energy and the Environment)**. (p.28)
- 'In government the SNP will make the creation of an **EU wide green energy research centre** a focus of our external affairs efforts in the EU. The Centre, which we propose should be based in Aberdeen ... (p.32).
- The SNP will **improve the enforcement of building regulations**. We will give clear political direction to the Scottish Building Standards Agency to provide stronger leadership and consult on proposals to ensure that completion certificates comply with regulations by requiring sign-off of work by a professional with professional liability. (p.47)

Related policy statements:

- No to new nuclear power stations (p.29)

SNP - Key ask 3: Mechanisms to ensure good design sits at heart of development

General policy statements providing context:

'**Growth must include the whole society and not come at the expense of our environment**. We set ourselves a new commitment to deliver high levels of sustainable growth for Scotland, with **three Scottish standards – solidarity, cohesion and sustainability**: ... iii. Sustainability – extend the current emissions commitment beyond 2012 to ensure continued cuts in CO₂ output equivalent to a 3 per cent annual reduction.' (p.21)

'By **combining responsibility for the environment, transport and sustainable growth within one department** of government (Finance and Sustainable Growth), we will ensure that our broader commitment to lower emissions in Scotland is met, while ensuring we have **the necessary infrastructure** to allow **Scotland's economy** to more **effectively compete** and succeed. (p.24)

'**Good health** is about more than physical fitness, it **is also about quality of life**. The **homes** we live in, **the environment** we work in and the extent to which we feel in control of our own lives have a vital impact on our sense of wellbeing ... Too many **deprived areas suffer from persistent inter-generational poverty** and dependency, damaging the health and limiting the life chances of the individuals who live there.' (p.44)

'The SNP's aim is to give individuals, families and communities more control of their own destiny. We will opt for **de-centralist policy solutions** that **devolve power to local level** wherever that is possible and seek ways to devolve power from local authorities to community level.' (p.44)

Specific Policy Statements:

Holistic Design:

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- 'We will also **examine options** to ensure new build schools and hospitals meet the highest energy efficiency **design standards.**' (p.30)
- 'in the first 100 days ... we will institute a **Scottish Energy Efficiency Design Awards** to bring together our **best designers**, the construction and manufacturing industries ... in total £1million will be available in prize money and development incentives so we can turn our best energy savings ideas into workable energy efficient products.' (p.30)

Community participation (in place-making):

- 'A Scottish energy revolution has greatest chance of success if it comes from the **bottom-up** rather than the just being imposed from the top-down. Community opposition to industrial scale wind-farms is just one example.' (p.31)
- 'We will consult on measures to enable **new models of community management** of facilities within local authority control ... (and) **transfer** under-used public **assets into community ownership.**' (p.45)
- 'We will encourage **community planning partnerships** to engage with **young people** in their areas and deliver a **Youth Strategy** to promote better opportunities and activities for young people.' (p.50)
- 'We will take forward the creation of **Community Energy Plans to allow local communities to identify** and set their own local renewable needs and then contract with energy suppliers to deliver community-based energy generation and energy saving solutions.' (p.31)
- 'We will **review the role of community councils** to make them more responsive, dynamic and representative. Devolving greater responsibilities to community councils will be a central consideration of this review ... we will **pilot a community empowerment scheme giving deprived communities** the ability to opt for empowered status, allowing local people to co-manage a proportion of public spending and services.' (p.45)

Urban design and place-making:

- We also propose a **new system of infrastructure funding** as an alternative to the costly and flawed PFI/PPP. Over the first term of an SNP government we will introduce a **not-for-profit Scottish Futures Trust** which will provide lower cost borrowing opportunities. We expect the Scottish Futures Trust to emerge as a more attractive source of funding for both national and local projects which will effectively crowd out PFI/PPP over time. (p.19)
- We will **bring together Scotland's transport stakeholders** to take forward measures to ensure greater integration of our public transport network ... (p.26)
- We will also examine options for **including environmental and community clauses** in **public procurement** contracts. (p.29)
- The SNP recognizes the acute shortage of affordable homes in many areas of Scotland. We value the **community rented sector** provided by **local authorities and housing associations** and will assist them to identify need and ensure that the house building and **improvement programme is appropriate to local needs.** (p.46)

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- We will require all **public authorities to identify surplus land** suitable for house-building and encourage local authorities to make greater use of the planning process to ensure that house-building permissions are appropriate to the housing needs of their communities. We will expect a **minimum of 25%** of all new housing developments are **reserved for affordable housing**. (p.46)
- We will **transfer the functions of Communities Scotland** that can be appropriately delivered locally **to local authorities** ... (p.46)
- ... We will take action to remove the barriers which impede **investment in water and sewerage infrastructure** where this is necessary (p.46)
- The SNP will **improve the enforcement of building regulations**. We will give clear political direction to the Scottish Building Standards Agency to provide stronger leadership and consult on proposals to ensure that completion certificates comply with regulations by requiring sign-off of work by a professional with professional liability. (p.47)
- Disability Equality Duty and Race Equality Duty for public sector organizations (p.66)

Sustainable communities and the built environment:

- 'We will begin **early consultation on extending HIE's** (Highland and Island Enterprise) **role in relation to community land purchase** to cover the whole of the country so that their expertise can be available for **urban communities** in other parts of Scotland.' (p.22)
- '... **Scottish Futures Trust**... with **buildings held in trust**, local communities will have better access to use school facilities ... We will work with local authorities to develop more schools as community hubs ... **Access to a local school is particularly important in rural communities**. We will introduce a legislative presumption against closure of rural schools and tighten the regulations for closing all schools.' (p.53)
- 'We will **review the interaction of current flooding legislation** to ensure adequate **access to funding for sustainable flood prevention** measures. ... sustainable flood management techniques, such as planting more trees along riverbanks and restoring wetlands, complement traditional engineering solutions. (p.30)
- 'we will encourage the **establishment of community energy companies and trusts**, with local micro-grids allowing for the decentralization of energy production. ... (p.31)
- We want more **householders contributing to local energy supply** and so will remove **unnecessary planning obstacles** that stand in the way of micro-generation. (p.31)
- In our **first budget** for Scotland, the SNP in government will also set out **plans to quadruple the financial support** for family and **community micro-generation** scheme... we will bring forward plans to support the long-term deployment of energy generation or energy saving in 1 million Scottish homes. (p.31)
- We will begin an **early review of planning**, including proposals to **require Local Authorities to take account of renewable energy** as part of their planning process. ... This review will include assessment of the suitability of infrastructure and grid access ... Current schemes will continue

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- through the planning process during this review. We will also encourage generators to consider expansion of current wind sites where this is agreed with the local community (p.33)
- We will introduce a **moratorium** on loss or reduction of **school playing fields** and facilities, where there are no equivalent or improved facilities provided ... (p.41)
 - We will **strengthen national planning guidelines** to give **greater protection to green spaces** for sport and informal recreational activity, particularly in urban and deprived communities. (p.42)
 - The SNP supports **the development of crofting** as a nature-friendly, small-scale agriculture system well fitted to provide homes bases for many who live in the our most fragile remote and island communities. (p.71)
 - The SNP will also explore how **the planning regime** can be made more sympathetic to the **needs of our farmers and other rural sectors** to help promote **appropriate development** (p.69).
 - We will **consult** on changes to **planning regulations** to allow for a requirement on supermarkets that a proportion of goods stocked and sourced are delivered locally. (p.70)
 - The SNP's priorities will include speeding up **the development of forest crofts** across Scotland and tackling transport costs for crofting areas. We will also ensure the LFASS meets the continued needs of the least favoured areas. We pledge to **act on the findings of the crofting inquiry** chaired by Professor Shucksmith due to report later in 2007. (p.71)
 - The **Department of Rural Affairs** will work closely with our **Minister for Energy and the Environment** (Dept of Finance and Sustainable Growth) to ensure national economic policies deliver substantial advantages in Scotland's rural communities. (p.67)

Place – heritage and culture

- We will bring together responsibility for enterprise, tourism and infrastructure under a **single minister** in the Department of Finance and Sustainable Growth, so that policy as a whole reflects the needs and interests of the industry (tourism) (p.23).
- '... we will make **St Andrew's Day a full national holiday** celebrating the best of our traditional and contemporary culture.' (p.56)

Related policy statements:

Business and enterprise: additional funding for cutting edge research (p.11, 54); reduce business rates (p.21); Scottish Investment Fund (p.23);

Community including safety: community policing (p.58);

Education and learning, including schools: school building programme including Scottish Futures Trust (p.53);

Culture, arts and heritage: ferries and tourism (p.27); mobilizing national days (p.56); cultural activities in community planning (p.56)

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Equality, diversity and participation: reducing health inequalities (p.34); children to be considered in all areas of policy-making (p.49);

Government: Health of the Nation report (p.16); regulations from quangos particularly SEPA (p.69);

Health: walking, cycling (p.43); reducing health inequalities (p.34);

Housing: Scottish Housing Support Fund for shared equity (p.46)

Marine, coastal and fisheries: Marine strategy. (p.73); Common Fisheries Policy and environmentally sustainable fisheries (p.73)

Natural environment: merger of SEPA and SNH (p.69)

Poverty, deprivation and regeneration:

Rural development and agriculture: access to local school (p.53); Agriculture – new farmers and tenant sector (p.68); SEPA, SNH and review of regulations process (p.69); Agriculture and EU (p.70); Organic sector and SE and HIE support (p.71); Aquaculture (p.74); Freshwater Fisheries Forum (p.75)

Renewables, Recycling and Waste Management – see also ‘Ask 2’: research into offshore generation capacity (p.32); towards zero waste (p.31);

Transport and infrastructure: rail improvements (p.25); park and rides, freight (p.26); ferries and tourism (p.27)

Utilities and infrastructure: North Sea super-grid (p.32)

Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise sector development: Scottish Investment Fund (p.23)

SNP - Key ask 4: Better connections between relevant Government departments on built environment issues

General policy statements providing context:

‘The number of Scottish Executive Departments will be cut from 9 to 6. These will be: the Office of First Minister; Finance and Sustainable Growth; Health and Well-being; Education and Skills; Justice; Rural Affairs.’ (p.14)

‘Publication of a White Paper, encompassing a Bill, detailing the concept of Scottish independence ... as part of preparations for offering Scots the opportunity to decide on independence in a referendum, with a likely date of 2010.’ (p.15)

‘There will be a deputy minister in the Office of First Minister with responsibility for Europe and External Affairs’ (p.16)

Specific policy statements:

- 'Will also seek early discussions on the creation of a wholly devolved Scottish civil service on the same model and basis as the Northern Irish civil service.' (p.15)
- 'Will bring forward proposals for new management and monitoring arrangements for government and agencies, based on the successful model in Virginia, USA, so we can bring greater rigour and success to the delivery of public policy in our nation.' (p.16)
- 'Will produce an annual 'Health of the Nation' report bringing together key targets on crime, health, education, the environment, opportunity, social mobility, life expectancy, business start-ups, and the number of Scots who are economically active.' (p.16)

Related policy statements:

- We will conclude and implement the strategic funding review to progress sustainable three year funding and full cost recovery as soon as is practicable. (p.45)
- Written constitution to guarantee rights of citizens and limit powers of government (p.66)