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### CONSULTATIONS

**CONSULTATION ON STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT: DRAFT INFORMATION NOTE ON PROCEDURES FOR CONSULTATION WITH THE SCOTTISH CONSULTATION AUTHORITIES (SE 27/10/05)** The Scottish Consultation Authorities have prepared a draft Information Note on Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) which clarifies the procedures for consultation during the SEA process. Views are sought from Responsible Authorities and others on the draft Information Note. Deadline for response: 20 January 2006.

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2005/10/31141046/10471>

**WHAT CAN WE DO TO HELP COMMUNITY COUNCILS FULFIL THEIR ROLE? A DISCUSSION PAPER BY THE SCOTTISH EXECUTIVE (SE 27/10/05)** This discussion paper is the first stage in the process of reviewing the current community councils system. The aim is to harness good practice and identify obstacles and areas of weakness which prevent community councils from being fully effective. Deadline for response: 28 February 2006.

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2005/10/31132008/20088>

### PUBLICATIONS

**CHARITY ACCOUNTING REGULATIONS CHARITIES AND TRUSTEE INVESTMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005: CONSULTATION REPORT AND ANALYSIS OF RESPONSES (SE 21/10/05)** The report provides an analysis and summary of consultation responses and also details changes made to the Executive's plans following the consultation process. The Executive is in the process of consulting on the proposals for the charity references in documents regulations and will shortly be consulting on other regulations to be made under the Bill.

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2005/10/21155850/58508>

**ENVIRONMENT AND RURAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT BUSINESS PLAN 2005-06 (SE 24/10/05)**

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2005/10/24110745/07455>

**PLANNING ADVICE NOTE PAN 76: NEW RESIDENTIAL STREETS (SE 07/11/05)** This planning advice note provides advice on the design of better quality residential streets. It focuses on some key factors which can create successful street design and also clarifies the roles and responsibilities of those involved.

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2005/11/0393727/37273>

**BIG LOTTERY FUND: INTERIM ORDER AND POLICY DIRECTIONS – SUMMARY REPORT OF CONSULTATION RESPONSES (DCMS 4/11/05)** The Department for Culture, Media and Sport has published the summary report of responses to the consultation on The Big Lottery Fund: Interim Order and Policy Directions. The summary can be found at:

[http://www.culture.gov.uk/global/publications/archive\\_2005/summary\\_responses\\_blf.htm](http://www.culture.gov.uk/global/publications/archive_2005/summary_responses_blf.htm)

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### NEWS RELEASES

**SNH ANNOUNCES NEW APPROACH TO GRANTS (27/10/05)** The new approach aims to target spending in a number of key areas, such as boosting biodiversity across the country, helping the public and land managers to implement the new right of responsible access, promoting awareness of wildlife to the public, and working with land managers to protect our most special places. The changes will ensure that funding is channelled into those projects which provide the greatest benefits for the natural heritage.

<http://www.snh.org.uk/scripts-snh/nw-displ.asp?ID=1309>

**DAVID LAMMY, MINISTER FOR CULTURE, KEYNOTE ADDRESS TO MUSEUMS ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE (DCMS 26/10/05)**

[http://www.culture.gov.uk/global/press\\_notices/archive\\_2005/lammy\\_ma\\_speech.htm](http://www.culture.gov.uk/global/press_notices/archive_2005/lammy_ma_speech.htm)

**ENGLISH HERITAGE CALLS FOR UK-WIDE APPROACH TO HERITAGE RESEARCH (EH 27/10/05)** Through its own research strategy 'Discovering the Past, Shaping the Future', English Heritage is calling for a more coordinated approach to undertaking historic environment related research. The strategy contains a proposal for the establishment of a UK-wide research strategy for the historic environment and its sustainable management.

<http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/server/show/ConWebDoc.5774>

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## CALL FOR PROPOSALS

**EUROPEAN HERITAGE DAYS: CALL FOR PROPOSALS FOR AN EXTERNAL AGENCY** The Council of Europe is launching a call for proposals for an External Agency which would contribute to the joint Council of Europe/European Commission programme devoted to the European Heritage Days. The External Agency should have a wide view of the concept of heritage inclusive not only of the traditional aspects but also of the social and industrial heritage, bearing in mind the provisions of the Framework Convention on the value of cultural heritage for society. Proposals are required by 15 December – further details available from the BEFS office.

## VACANCIES

**FELLOWSHIP IN ARCHITECTURAL WOODCARVING** Pollok Products, in conjunction with the Historic Scotland Conservation Bureau, is offering a two year fellowship in architectural woodcarving based in the workshops of Pollok Products in Dumbarton. Appointment is anticipated in January 2006. An annual stipend of £14,500 is offered, with an additional travel and study allowance of £1500. For further information contact Ewan Walker at 0131 668 8715, [ewen.walker@scotland.gov.uk](mailto:ewen.walker@scotland.gov.uk)

**RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP IN ARCHITECTURAL IRONWORK** Historic Scotland's Conservation Bureau is offering a two year Research Fellowship in architectural ironwork. Annual stipend £18,000, plus annual travel and study allowance. The project will seek to undertake a thematic survey of architectural ironwork in Scotland, focusing on specific structure types and concentrating on areas rich in this architectural resource. For further information contact Ewan Walker at 0131 668 8715, [ewen.walker@scotland.gov.uk](mailto:ewen.walker@scotland.gov.uk)

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## FORTHCOMING PARLIAMENTARY BUSINESS

**STAGE 3 PROCEEDINGS: ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (SCOTLAND) BILL** Executive debate to take place on the afternoon of Wednesday 9 November.

## RECENT MOTIONS & NEW BILLS

**\*S2M-3438 MALCOLM CHISHOLM: HOUSING (SCOTLAND) BILL (24/10/05)** That the Parliament agrees that the Housing (Scotland) Bill be passed.

**\*S2M-3435 ROSS FINNIE: ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (SCOTLAND) / BILL (24/10/05)** That the Parliament agrees that the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Bill be passed.

## RECENT PARLIAMENTARY QUESTIONS

**S2W-19891 NORA RADCLIFFE (24/10/05)** To ask the Scottish Executive what preliminary work has been carried out in respect of how EU Directive 2004/35/CE on environmental liability with regard to the prevention and remedying of environmental damage will be transposed into Scottish legislation or regulation; what consultation

is planned, and when it anticipates undertaking the legislative or administrative action to ensure that the provisions of the directive are implemented by 30 April 2007.

**S2W-19925 DEREK BROWNLEE (24/10/05)** To ask the Scottish Executive what funding it will give to Architecture and Design Scotland for (a) 2005-06, (b) 2006-07 and (c) 2007-08 and from which level 3 budget this will come.

**S2W-19942 MARY SCANLON (24/10/05)** To ask the Scottish Executive how it will ensure that local authorities have an up-to-date development plan, as outlined in the White Paper, Modernising the Planning System.

**S2W-19944 MARY SCANLON (24/10/05)** To ask the Scottish Executive how its planning proposals will ensure the development of mixed communities where people are able to work and live and reduce the emphasis on zoning land for single usage.

**S2W-19968 NORA RADCLIFFE (24/10/05)** To ask the Scottish Executive how it or the Scottish Building Standards Agency can enforce the obligations on local authorities to comply with the provisions of the Building (Scotland) Regulations 2004.

**S2W-20103 SANDRA WHITE (28/10/05)** To ask the Scottish Executive whether it has conducted any economic assessment to consider and quantify the potential impact on the economy of the introduction of a third party right of appeal.

**S2W-20104 SANDRA WHITE (28/10/05)** To ask the Scottish Executive what information it has on the levels of public participation at different stages in the planning process.

**S2W-20125 DAVID DAVIDSON (28/10/05)** To ask the Scottish Executive whether it plans to make sustainable development a mandatory requirement of the planning system when the proposed Planning Bill is introduced.

**S2W-20268 SARAH BOYACK (03/11/05)** To ask the Scottish Executive whether it intends to introduce a similar scheme in Scotland to the new Low Carbon Building Programme funding scheme announced by the UK Minister of State for Energy.

**S2W-20349 PATRICK HARVIE (07/11/05)** To ask the Scottish Executive in what ways SEA Gateway is supporting, advising and offering guidance on the strategic environmental assessment of National Planning Policy Guideline 6 on Renewable Energy or any other Executive plans, programmes or strategies currently being developed.

## PARLIAMENTARY QUESTIONS ANSWERED

**Q (S2W-19267) DONALD GORRIE: EDINBURGH WORLD HERITAGE SITE**

**A** The Management Plan for the Old and New Towns of Edinburgh World Heritage Site was launched in July. It was prepared by Edinburgh World Heritage, which is charged with taking forward the implementation of the Management Plan with the support of key partners, including Scottish ministers and the City of Edinburgh Council. Archives and data collections are important tools in recording, managing and understanding any historic site and their maintenance has been recognised as an important objective in promoting an understanding of the Site in the Management Plan. For the Edinburgh World Heritage Site, these are held by a number of bodies including the City of Edinburgh Council, Historic Scotland, RCAHMS and the Edinburgh World Heritage Trust. Edinburgh World Heritage is currently preparing the first action plan, which will identify how the objectives set out in the management plan are to be addressed. Scottish Ministers, through Historic Scotland, will be consulted on the action plan. **PATRICIA FERGUSON (30/09/05)**

**Q (S2W-19274) MARY SCANLON: PLANNING**

**A** The responses to the white paper, including that from COSLA, are currently being analysed by an independent consultant, in preparation of a digest of responses. COSLA's response does comment in some detail on whether a five-year development plan cycle can be delivered. All responses which respondents have agreed can be made public, including COSLA's, will be published in due course, along with the digest. **MALCOLM CHISHOLM (29/09/05)**

**Q (S2W-19463) MARY SCANLON: DERELICT LAND**

**A** Scottish planning policy promotes the re-use of vacant and derelict land and buildings, including brownfield sites. The Executive provides funding through the Vacant and Derelict Land Fund, aimed at bringing long term vacant and derelict land back into use thereby reducing the pressure on the use of Greenfield land and ensuring a more sustainable approach to development. £24.3 million has been allocated to the Vacant and Derelict Land Fund for the years 2006-07 and 2007-08. £20 million of capital resources has also been made available to local authorities over the same period to enable them to carry out identification and remediation of contaminated land. A further £10.7 million of End-Year Flexibility funding was issued to 19 local authorities in December 2004 for specific projects aimed at cleaning up derelict and contaminated land that is causing public health risks or blighting local communities. **MALCOLM CHISHOLM (18/10/05)**

**Q (S2W-19549) CHRISTINE MAY: REVIEW OF HISTORIC SCOTLAND**

**A** Significant progress has been made in implementing the recommendations both of the quinquennial Review of Historic Scotland and the Performance and Management Review carried out by Audit Scotland. The following tables provide information on how Historic Scotland has responded to each recommendation (follow web link to view tables): <http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/webapp/wa.result>  
**PATRICIA FERGUSON (30/09/05)**

**Q (S2W-19626) RICHARD BAKER: ENERGY PERFORMANCE OF BUILDINGS**

**A** I have asked Dr Paul Stollard, Chief Executive of the Scottish Building Standards Agency (SBSA), to answer. His response is as follows:  
Scotland shall apply a methodology of calculating the energy performance of buildings on the basis of the general framework set out in the Annex to the directive. The mandatory standard for a methodology will be expressed in functional terms, to ensure that there is no possible conflict with the Construction Products Directive. This approach will make it possible for consideration to be given to the use of any Directive compliant methodology, both for setting the energy performance standards and the production of energy performance certificates. **JOHANN LAMONT (25/10/05)**

**Q (S2W-19669) DAVID DAVIDSON: COMMUNITY COUNCILS**

**A** We are currently undertaking a review of community councils and a discussion paper will issue shortly.  
**GEORGE LYON (26/10/05)**

**Q (S2W-19925) DEREK BROWNLEE: ARCHITECTURE + DESIGN SCOTLAND**

**A** Architecture and Design Scotland will receive the following funding: (a) £727,000 for 2005-06; (b) £752,000 for 2006-07; (c) £752,000 for 2007-08. These funds will come from the Other Arts and Culture level 3 budget. **TOM McCABE (03/11/05)**

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Information in the Bulletin is extracted from a number of websites; such as the Scottish Executive (SE); the Scottish Parliament (SP); Architecture and Design Scotland (A+DS); Historic Scotland (HS); Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH); Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations (SCVO); English Heritage (EH); Commission for Architecture and the Built Environment (CABE); Office of the Deputy Prime Minister (ODPM); Department of Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS); Department of Environment and Rural Affairs (DEFRA); National Assembly for Wales (NAW). For further information, links are provided to the relevant documents. If you have any questions or comments on the above, or would like to submit information to be included, please get in touch with Jo Robertson [jrobertson@befso.org.uk](mailto:jrobertson@befso.org.uk) at the BEFS office on 0131 556 5353.