



CONSULTATIONS

SCOTTISH HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT POLICY 1 - THE HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT (SE 31/03/06)

Scottish Historic Environment Policy is a new series of policy documents that sets out Scottish Ministers' strategic policies for the historic environment and the operational policies that Historic Scotland will follow in implementing them. SHEP 1 is the overarching policy statement for the historic environment. It provides a framework for more detailed strategic policies and operational policies. Deadline for response: 23/06/06

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2006/03/e309396/link>

SCOTTISH HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT POLICY 3 - GARDENS AND DESIGNED LANDSCAPES (SE 31/03/06)

The document sets out for consultation Scottish Ministers' policies for gardens and designed landscapes in respect of their identification and protection, the management of change, and how Historic Scotland will implement these policies. It also poses a number of questions on which Scottish Ministers wish to consult about the future protection of gardens and designed landscapes. Deadline for response: 23/06/06

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2006/03/e3093747/link>

CONSULTATION ON THE RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME FOR SCOTLAND 2007 – 2013 (SE 04/04/06)

Consultation recently took place on the strategic approach to the 2007-13 Scottish Rural Development Programme. That Strategy will form part of a UK National Strategy Plan which must be submitted to the European Commission (EC) prior to submission of the 2007-13 SRDP in summer 2006. This second consultation focuses on the content of the SRDP including the mechanisms and agency arrangements to deliver funding. Deadline for response: 27/06/06

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2006/04/03100240/0>

FORTHCOMING CONSULTATIONS

IMPLEMENTATION OF ARTICLES 7,8,9 OF THE EU DIRECTIVE ON THE ENERGY PERFORMANCE OF BUILDINGS

The introduction of Energy Performance Certificate boiler advice and inspection of air conditioning systems into Scottish Building legislation.

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Consultations/Forthcoming/Q/rowId/6#conRow6>

HISTORIC SCOTLAND'S SUPPORT FOR THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR

The draft operational policy paper invites views on Historic Scotland's policies and plans for providing support to the voluntary sector.

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Consultations/Forthcoming/Q/rowId/7#conRow7>

PUBLICATIONS

PLANNING ADVICE NOTE (PAN): COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: STEERING GROUP MEETING ON MONDAY 6TH FEBRUARY 2006 (SE 11/04/06)

This was the first meeting of the Steering Group that had been asked by Ministers to take forward work on the development of a Planning Advice Note on Community Engagement. This PAN is one of a package of measures supporting the modernisation of the planning system.

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2006/03/22105159/0>

NEIGHBOUR NOTIFICATION WORKING GROUP: MINUTES OF MEETING WEDNESDAY 8TH MARCH 2006, ROOM 2H56 VICTORIA QUAY (SE 11/04/06)

Minutes of meeting to discuss neighbour notification draft final report.

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2006/03/22105820/0>

URBAN TRANSFORMATION IN NEW PUBLIC SPACES (CABE 31/03/06)

Sponsored by CABE space, this book showcases the best and most diverse examples of public space from all over the world. The author, Sarah Gaventa highlights a range of recently created spaces that offer different ways of looking at public space or that just uplift our daily lives.

<http://www.cabe.org.uk/default.aspx?contentitemid=1241>

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT POLICY INTO PRACTICE – NEW BUILDINGS (SBSA APRIL 2006)

This report describes progress in work by Scottish Executive agencies and divisions to further the sustainable development of new buildings, both domestic and non-domestic. This work is a continuing, practical response to the Scottish Executive's sustainability policy introduced by 'Meeting the Needs' in 2002, 'A Partnership for a Better Scotland' in 2003, and 'Choosing our Future: Scotland's Sustainable Development Strategy' in 2005.

http://www.sbsa.gov.uk/current_standards/sustainability.htm

NEWS RELEASES

NEW DESIGN REVIEW PANEL MEMBERS ANNOUNCED (CABE 04/04/06)

Six new members have been added to CABE's design review panel. The new panelists will help the design review service in its role of offering free expert advice on the design of strategic schemes from across England. The new members are: Bob Allies, architect and partner in Allies and Morrison; Alan Chatham, property developer behind schemes including Brindleyplace and The Mailbox; Jim Eyre, architect and partner in Wilkinson Eyre; Mark Swenarton, Professor and Head of Architecture, Oxford Brookes University; Chris Watts, director of the sustainability consultancy Beyond Green; Tony Wyatt, Urban Design and Conservation Group Manager, Newcastle City Council.

<http://www.cabe.org.uk/default.aspx?contentitemid=1258>

BECKETT ANNOUNCES NATURAL ENGLAND DEPUTY CHAIR (DEFRA 31/03/06)

Margaret Beckett, the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, today announced her intention to appoint Poul Christensen as the Deputy Chair of Natural England, the new statutory body with responsibility for enhancing and managing the natural environment. Welcoming the announcement Beckett said "Poul is a dedicated champion of conservation issues and the natural environment, with a proven track record of service on public bodies. This, together with his extensive experience in rural affairs, farming, and change management will be extremely valuable to Natural England."

<http://www.defra.gov.uk/news/2006/060331e.htm>

LISTED PLACES OF WORSHIP AND MEMORIALS VAT GRANT SCHEMES (DCMS 28/03/06)

Culture Minister, David Lammy welcomed the Budget announcement that the Listed Places of Worship and Memorials Grants schemes will now run until 2011. The Listed Places of Worship scheme returns to faith groups the equivalent of the VAT incurred in making repairs to listed places of worship, while the Memorials scheme rebates the VAT incurred by charities and faith groups in building and maintaining memorial structures. In addition, the Chancellor has announced that the schemes will now cover the VAT incurred on professional fees such as architects and surveyors, and the Listed Places of Worship scheme will also cover works to some fixtures and fittings currently excluded. Both schemes had previously been due to end in 2008.

http://www.culture.gov.uk/global/press_notices/archive_2006/dcms041_06.htm

PARLIAMENTARY QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q S2W-23983 - ALEX NEIL (07/03/06) To ask the Scottish Executive what measures it is taking to increase the provision of affordable housing.

- A** **ANSWERED BY MALCOLM CHISHOLM (22/03/06)** The full extent of the Executive's comprehensive programme to increase the provision of affordable housing in Scotland is set out in our Housing Policy Statement, *Homes for Scotland's People* <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/library5/development/hfsphp.pdf> published last year, a copy of which has been placed in the Scottish Parliament Information Centre (Bib. number 35778). We are implementing the actions set out in the statement.
- Q** **S2W-24150 - SARAH BOYACK (13/03/06)** To ask the Scottish Executive whether, in light of the £17 million scheme by the Department for Transport for six experimental cycle-friendly towns, it will implement a similar scheme in Scotland or use reward mechanisms to encourage partnerships to undertake similar projects.
- A** **ANSWERED BY TAVISH SCOTT (22/03/06)** Executive funding for cycling infrastructure projects within towns in Scotland is being provided through Cycling, Walking and Safer Streets allocations to local authorities as well as financial allocations to the Regional Transport Partnerships which can be used for cycling projects. It will be for local authorities and Regional Transport Partnerships to prioritise and implement any cycling schemes or initiatives.
- Q** **S2W-24333 - ANNABEL GOLDIE (15/03/06)** To ask the Scottish Executive whether it has carried out a review of Scotland's energy needs for the next 25 to 50 years.
- A** **ANSWERED BY ALLAN WILSON (29/03/06)** The Scottish Executive Energy Study was commissioned by the Executive to look at energy supply and demand in Scotland. Volumes 1 and 2 of the study were published in January. Volumes 3 to 5 of the study will be published later this year. Volume 5 will contain quantified projections of energy supply and demand for 2020, and a qualitative assessment of the potential energy situation in 2050.
- Q** **S2W-24430 - CHRISTINE GRAHAME (17/03/06)** To ask the Scottish Executive who received posted copies of People and Place: Regeneration Policy Statement.
- A** **ANSWERED BY MALCOLM CHISHOLM (27/03/06)** Two thousand, one hundred and fifty-five copies of the *Regeneration Policy Statement: People and Place* and the *Summary* document were posted to a wide range of organisations in the public, private and voluntary sectors involved in regeneration in addition to distribution by hand to the Scottish Parliament Information Centre on the day of publication. These include local authorities, the enterprise networks, academics and researchers, financial institutions, construction and other trade organisations, professional bodies and housing associations.
- Q** **S2W-24463 - MURRAY TOSH (20/03/06)** To ask the Scottish Executive whether the identification of sites for major mineral extractions will be included in the proposed national planning framework and, if so, whether the framework will make requirements of individual local authorities in this regard.
- A** **ANSWERED BY MALCOLM CHISHOLM (30/03/06)** *The Planning etc. (Scotland) Bill* includes provisions requiring planning authorities to take the national planning authority into account in preparing development plans. It does not prescribe the types of development which may be included in a future national planning framework. No decisions have yet been taken on the content of the second national planning framework.
- Q** **S2W-24464 - MURRAY TOSH (20/03/06)** To ask the Scottish Executive whether local authorities charged with identifying sites for infrastructural or other major developments under the proposed national planning framework will be required to determine planning applications for such developments on their merits, with no reference to other potential locations, or whether they will be able to require applicants to demonstrate that applications have been lodged in respect of the optimum locations for such developments.
- A** **ANSWERED BY MALCOLM CHISHOLM (30/03/06)** It is intended that the identification of a development as a "national development" will establish the need for the development in principle. It will still be open to the planning authority to address locational questions in considering development plan policies and planning applications for such developments.
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EVENTS

CABE HEALTH WEEK, 15-20 MAY 2006 (CABE APRIL 2006)

CABE is hosting a Built Environment Health Week (15-20 May 2006) aimed at GPs, health managers and the commissioners of healthcare buildings. The Health Week will offer a week of debates and high level discussion involving health professionals and all those concerned with the built environment. This will run alongside a series of practical workshops based in seven locations across the country examining neighbourhood healthcare; and the launch of new CABE research into the relationship between the quality of public parks and levels of physical activity. To promote the event CABE has published a document 'Designed With Care: Design and Neighbourhood Healthcare Buildings'.

<http://www.cabe.org.uk/default.aspx?contentitemid=184>

THE ROBERT OWEN COMMEMORATION LECTURE, FRIDAY 12TH MAY 2006, 7.30PM, NEW LANARK

The Friends of New Lanark in association with The Open University in Scotland are presenting the above lecture entitled 'Celebrating David Dale Eighteenth Century Industrialisation: Ireland and Scotland Compared' given by Professor T M Devine, FBA, FRSE, University of Edinburgh.

To book a ticket please contact Lorna Davidson, email trust@newlanark.org

SUSTAINABLE LANDSCAPES, TUESDAY 16TH MAY 2006, DYNAMIC EARTH, EDINBURGH

One day conference exploring issues held within the Executive's 'Choosing our Future' strategy. The day will comprise four sessions including 'The Built Environment: Sustaining our Heritage'.

For further details register online at www.holyrood.com or telephone 0131 272 2116.

VACANCIES

IHBC PROJECTS OFFICER, c £28,000 PLUS BENEFITS, FIXED TERM

The key task for the Institute of Historic Building Conservation today is to deliver support and resources for the work of our members. To further our success the IHBC is to appoint a new Projects Officer. The person will be responsible for initiating, developing, managing, and signing off projects that reflect the needs of our historic places, their conservation, the Institute and its members. Projects usually will be outsourced, but some will be managed internally, often with support and input from our extensive voluntary network. The post presumes a capacity to operate from a home-office.

For further details e-mail: admin@ihbc.org.uk. Deadline for applications is 12.30pm Friday 5th May 2006.

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); Forestry Commission Scotland (FCS); Scottish Building Standards Agency (SBSA). 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 Fiona Binning: fbinning@bef.s.org.uk, 0131 556 5353.