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Preparation of the Second National Planning Framework (NPF2): Participation Statement (Updated October 07) (SG 01/10/07)

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2007/09/28103828/0>

National Planning Framework: Newsletter No. 3 Autumn 2007 (SG 01/10/07)

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2007/09/28103854/0>

Housing, Regeneration and Planning Research Findings No.1/2007: Best Practice in Establishing Urban Regeneration Companies (URCs) in Scotland (SG 21/09/07)

Research publication: this report looks at 'best practice' in the set up and early operation of URCs in Scotland. It looks at what works well - from governance structures through to structures for community involvement and also outlines some potential pitfalls for newer or even future URCs to avoid.

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2007/09/20103411/0>

Best Practice in Establishing Urban Regeneration Companies in Scotland (SG 21/09/07)

Research findings.

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2007/09/20103240/0>

Scotland's living landscapes - places for people: leaflet promoting the key messages of the report of the Scottish Landscape Forum (SLF 09/07)

<http://www.snh.org.uk/strategy/landscapes/default.asp>

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Historic buildings helping to cut carbon emissions (HS 25/09/07)

Historic buildings are already helping to reduce Scotland's carbon emissions. This was one of the key messages delivered by Culture Minister Linda Fabiani MSP at the opening of the annual conference of the Historic Environment Advisory Council for Scotland.

<http://www.historic-scotland.gov.uk/news-full-article.htm?articleid=27158>

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Recent Parliamentary Questions

Written questions awaiting answer are given below. See also below for new questions (raised since circulation of BEFS e-Bulletin 4) that have been answered.

S3W-4442 Des McNulty: To ask the Scottish Executive whether it will provide enhanced funding of Planning Aid for Scotland to facilitate greater community engagement in the planning system as envisaged in the Planning etc. (Scotland) Act 2006. (19/09/07)

S3W-4445 Des McNulty: To ask the Scottish Executive whether it will consider increasing core funding for Planning Aid for Scotland to allow the establishment of regional offices accessible to the public. (19/09/07)

S3W-4586 Patricia Ferguson: To ask the Scottish Executive under which Historic Scotland budget line its contribution to the purchase of Dumfries House will be allocated. (26/09/07)

S3W-4587 Patricia Ferguson: To ask the Scottish Executive, in light of the recent report by the Scottish Coastal Archaeology and the Problem of Erosion group, what action it will take to protect historic sites from the effects of climate change. (26/09/07)

S3W-4588 Patricia Ferguson: To ask the Scottish Executive whether it will provide additional funding to Historic Scotland to protect historic sites from the effects of climate change. (26/09/07)

S3W-4628 Jamie Stone: To ask the Scottish Executive whether it will grant permitted development rights for domestic micro wind turbines. (27/09/07)

S3W-4716 Kenneth Gibson: To ask the Scottish Executive how and when it will report on the work of the Housing Supply Task Force. (28/09/07)

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Recent Parliamentary Answers

Note: error in e-Bulletin 4: links were provided to answers however these were not 'live'. To find an answer listed in e-Bulletin 4, follow this link to the Parliament's questions and answers search, and type in the four digit question number in the tab 'or List':

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/webapp/wa.search>

Answers in this current Bulletin are reproduced below.

S3W-4114 Hugh O'Donnell (07/09/07): To ask the Scottish Executive what use it makes of the information on housing land availability provided by local authorities in their annual housing land audits, as required by paragraph 67 of Scottish Planning Policy (SPP) 3 - Planning for Housing.

Answered by Stewart Stevenson (20/09/07): Annual housing land audits are a key tool for local authorities in monitoring their development plans and ensuring that an adequate supply of land for housing is maintained. As set out in SPP3, where such monitoring indicates that the availability of housing land, and/or completions, is not keeping pace with identified requirements, planning authorities may prepare an alteration or review of their plan as necessary. The Scottish Government has commissioned research into the effectiveness of housing land audits, the aim of which is to provide advice on the potential effectiveness

of housing land audits as a tool in measuring and monitoring housing land supply across Scotland as a whole. The need for this research was driven by Scottish ministers' concern to ensure a sufficient supply of land for housing. The results of the study will help to inform the current review of SPP3 and related guidance, and will also be relevant to the current planning reforms. Officials are currently in the process of establishing a system that will allow the information collected by local authorities in housing land audits to be used by the Scottish Government to monitor the amount of affordable housing that is being built, and are in the early stages of discussions with local authorities about the best way to take this forward.

S3W-4258 Sarah Boyack (12/09/07): To ask the Scottish Executive what mechanisms will be put in place to ensure that (a) there is close co-ordination between ministers on sustainable development and (b) all ministers drive forward action on climate change and meet targets, in light of the abolition of the Cabinet Sub-Committee on Sustainable Scotland.

Answered by Richard Lochhead (26/09/07): I refer the member to the answer to question S3W-4067 on 20 September 2007. All answers to written parliamentary questions are available on the Parliament's website, the search facility for which can be found at <http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/webapp/wa.search>.

S3W-4357 Angela Constance (17/09/07): To ask the Scottish Executive what access the voluntary sector will have to future European Social Fund provision.

Answered by Jim Mather (27/09/07): Voluntary sector bodies are one of the three main categories of eligible organisations able to register, apply and compete for European Social Funds (ESF) under the 2007-13 Lowlands and Uplands (LUPS) and Highlands and Islands (H&I) programmes. These main categories are - Voluntary or Charitable Organisations; Public Sector Organisations, and Joint Ventures (Public/Private Partnerships). The on-line registration process is now open for all organisations wishing to compete for ESF funding towards the cost of eligible projects. So far 48% of the registrations for LUPS, and 36% of the H&I registrations are from voluntary sector bodies. More information on the very simple registration process is available at www.esep.co.uk for the LUPS programme and at www.hipp.org.uk for the H&I programme.

Answers to questions included in e-Bulletin 4:

S3W-2444: Answered by John Swinney (14/09/07): The work of the Strategic Funding Review concluded in February 2007, with the agreement of the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities and the Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations. The final two papers from the review, on support services and full cost recovery, were published at that time. The Scottish Government supports the general principles of the review, noting that implementation falls largely to those who fund and those who receive funding to work more closely together. Effective cooperation, particularly with councils and public sector bodies, should enable third sector organisations to contribute fully to a more successful country, with opportunities for all of Scotland to flourish, through increasing sustainable economic growth.

S3W-3876: Answered by Stewart Stevenson (13/09/07): I refer the member to the answer to question S3W-3874 on 13 September 2007. All answers to written parliamentary questions are available on the Parliament's website, the search facility for which can be found at <http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/webapp/wa.search>.

S3W-4023: Answered by Stewart Stevenson (18/09/07): Scottish Planning Policy (SPP) 7 - Planning and Flooding was prepared in the light of predictions that Scotland's climate would change. We are satisfied that it continues to provide a robust framework for flooding but will keep it under review.

S3W-4067: Answered by Richard Lochhead (20/09/07): Following the election, we have a small streamlined Cabinet of six and this requires each Cabinet Secretary to take a shared responsibility in delivering all of the Government's Strategic Objectives. This approach will ensure that sustainability issues are addressed at full Cabinet level, rather than such a fundamental issue being dealt with by a sub-committee. The Cabinet will engage fully with a broad range of interested parties to ensure that Government pursues an ambitious agenda on Greener Scotland including climate change issues.

S3W-4077: Answered by Stewart Maxwell (18/09/07): The Housing Supply Task Force is continuing to develop its agenda and will make public its findings at the appropriate time.

S3W-4078: Answered by Stewart Maxwell (18/09/07): I refer the member to the answer to question S3W-4077 on 18 September 2007. All answers to written parliamentary questions are available on the Parliament's website the search facility for which can be found at <http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/webapp/wa.search>.

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Motions and Bill Progress

*S3M-535 Patrick Harvie: Planning Aid for Scotland and Community Involvement-That the Parliament notes the unique work undertaken by Planning Aid for Scotland in providing free independent advice, information, support and training to people looking to participate in the planning system; recognises its innovative community engagement programmes that aim to ensure that the planning system is made more inclusive and accessible to everyone; notes that the role of organisations such as Planning Aid for Scotland has become vital since the passing of the Planning etc. (Scotland) Act 2006 which requires greater community involvement in the planning process, and calls on the Scottish Government to recognise that the need for enhanced community involvement will require greater resourcing to ensure that this step change can be achieved. (25/09/07)

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Events

Architectural Heritage Society for Scotland Forth & Borders Group: Winter Lecture Series 2007-08, 'The Edinburgh International Exhibition of 1886', Graeme Cruickshank
8th October 2007, 6.30pm, Glasite Meeting House, 33 Barony Street, Edinburgh
Admission: £5 non-members/£4 members/£2 students

Annual Conference of the Royal Town Planning Institute in Scotland:
'Fulfilling planning's potential', 16th November 2007, Edinburgh
The purpose of the conference is to inform and encourage debate on securing beneficial change under the new planning system.
For further information contact: www.rtpiconferences.co.uk, 0845 082 1171

4th Natural Stone Institute Annual Lecture: 29th November 2007
Malcolm Fraser, Malcolm Fraser Architects, will be explaining the development of this new build project which combines the historic 'John Knox House' with the adjacent Netherbow Arts Centre. He will outline approaches to using and detailing stone in modern contexts. Following the talk there will also be the opportunity to view this exceptionally beautiful venue with this expert guide.
Tickets: £15 (£10 NSI members and concessions).
For further information contact: Sarah Bailey, 0131 557 3336, sarahbailey@nsiuk.org

SSDP Autumn Conference 'Today's Suburbia: Tomorrow's Conservation Areas?'
8th November 2007, Parish Halls, 266 George Street, Glasgow
The conference will address issues surrounding suburban development including planning policies, road development guidelines, open space provision and the need to produce a marketable product.
Further details including registration form available from David Thomson: ssdpsec@btconnect.com

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Commission for Architecture and the Built Environment (CABE); Department of Communities and Local Government (DCLG); 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 Jo Robertson jrobertson@befso.org.uk or call the BEFS Office on 0131 220 6241.

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