

# Communities Scotland: Community Regeneration, Housing and Sustainable Development

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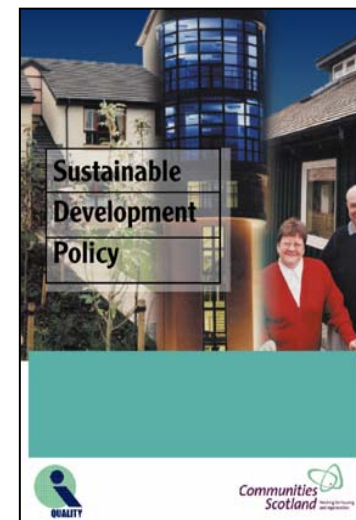
Working with others to improve the quality of life for people in Scotland.

# Communities Scotland: objectives

- Increase the **supply** of affordable housing
- Improve the **quality** of houses
- Improve **services** to tenants and homeless people
- Improve opportunities for people living in **disadvantaged communities**
- Support the **social economy**
- Inform and support the development of **Ministerial policies**

# Creating Sustainable Communities

- **People**
  - Regeneration Funding
  - Community Engagement
  - Sharing Effective Practice
- **Places**
  - Improving Standards in Housing
  - Location and Mix of Housing
  - Consumer Awareness



- **Regeneration Funding**

- Community Regeneration Fund
- Wider Role Fund
- Seeing is Believing
- New Ideas Fund

- **Community Engagement**

- Regeneration outcome agreements
- Standards for community engagement
- Scottish Community Action Research Fund
- Community Learning and Development
- Community Voices



- **Improve effectiveness**
  - Scottish Centre for Regeneration
  - Skills
  - Effective Practice
  - Research

**Creating a learning landscape**

A skills framework for community regeneration

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**the links and the Agreement**

Greenspace

People

**About the Scottish Centre for Regeneration**

**T 3: Creating places where people want to live, work and visit**

What are learning points?  
Learning points are a new series of publications designed to share the lessons learned from regeneration activities, research and analysis. They are one of the ways in which Communities Scotland's Scottish Centre for Regeneration draws on what people have their own words and taking together. It records what discussion, ideas about conditions and how they can be improved, what questions they have been asked, and what useful working principles emerged. Learning points encourage good practice and networking, build up a picture of what is happening in the field, and keep a record of participants' experiences. We hope they will help communities discover what has worked in other areas and what might work for them.

What is this learning point about?  
This learning point explores sustainable planning. This means finding places where people want to live, work and visit. It's about making sure that buildings, roads, transport, outdoor and indoor facilities, and other buildings, are popular and useful. Planning is therefore an essential part of regeneration.

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- **Improving Standards in Housing**
  - Scottish Housing Quality Standard
  - Units build on brownfield sites
- **Improving the Thermal Performance of Housing**
  - Minimum energy ratings
  - Central Heating programme
  - Warm Deal programme



- **Influencing the Location and Mix of Housing**
  - meet housing need and minimise adverse impacts on the environment.
- **Regulation**
  - RSLs' commitment to sustainability
- **Support**
  - Sustainability Policy wizard
  - Sustainable Housing Design Guide



## Constructing a Sustainability Policy and Action Plan: A Guide for Registered Social Landlords

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### Welcome to the Sustainability Policy Guide

#### Introduction

From 1 April 2002, any Registered Social Landlord (RSL) in receipt of development funding from Communities Scotland will require to have a verifiable Sustainability Policy and Action Plan. To satisfy this requirement, RSLs will need to evolve effective and integrated systems to meet the challenge of sustainability across all of their activities - development, acquisition, management and maintenance.

Different RSLs will be at different stages of development with respect to their sustainability strategies and systems. They will have differing priorities, capacities and experiences to build upon.

Communities Scotland offers this Guide principally for those of you needing support in developing a Sustainability Management System that is right for your individual needs and resources. It is hoped that RSLs already more advanced in the process will contribute by submitting examples of good practice via the Feedback process.

If you do not have a Sustainability Policy, the Guide can help you construct one. If you do have a Policy the guide can help you assess it against good practice principles.

With the aid of the unique Policy Wizard, devised by [Thirdwave Scotland Limited](#), the Guide takes you step-by-step through the process of constructing effective Policies and Action Plans. These are customised to reflect and balance the diverse needs and circumstances of Scotland's housing providers and of the communities they serve.

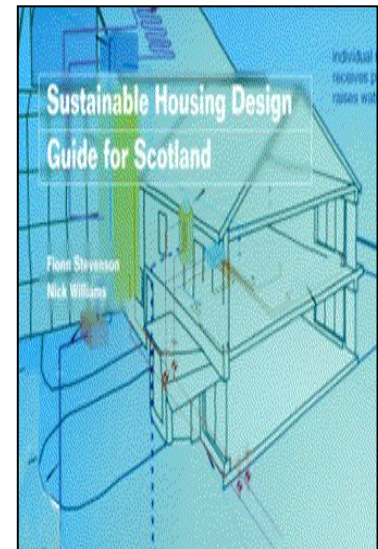
You can get started by creating a very simple policy. This can be reviewed and developed over time as an integral part of your Sustainability Management System. To help you with this process the Guide provides an extensive list of sustainability objectives relevant to social housing together with suggested policy statements. You can construct a draft policy using the default text suggested then edit this to suit your own needs.

#### Communities Scotland

[Communities Scotland](#) is a Scottish Executive agency. It was established in November 2001 and replaced Scottish Homes, but has a broader



- **Sustainable Housing Design Guide**
  - Location, form and function of residential developments
  - Functional design of dwellings.
    - Energy efficiency
    - Physical resource efficiency
    - Health
  - Rehabilitation and maintenance issues.
  - Financial and management implications of sustainable housing design
    - Procurement
    - Life cycle costing.



# Making it Work: Slateford Green

- Care Free Sustainable Housing
- Canmore Housing Association and Malcolm Homes
- 120 new build tenement flats
- Brownfield site
- Mixed tenure
- Materials with minimal environmental impact
- Super insulation
- Passive stack ventilation

