

# Workshop for Scottish Community Composting Seminar



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# Planning Aid for Scotland (PAS)



## **Who We Are**

*'Planning Aid for Scotland (PAS) is a national charity*

- delivers free and independent advice*
- Provides information, support and training*

*Advice and training is given through qualified and experienced town planners and trainers.*



## What does PAS do?



### **Provide three distinct services:**

- **Advice**
- **Training and Awareness**
- **Research**



## The Planning System



### **Why do we have a planning system?**

“The planning system guides the future development and use of land in cities, towns and rural areas in the long-term public interest”

Scottish Planning Policy 1 “The Planning System”



# The Planning System



## Its main purpose is to:

Provide for jobs and homes

Meet our desire for mobility

Conserve and enhance our heritage

Protect and improve our  
environment



# Primary Legislation



- Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997
- Human Rights Act
- Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002



## Policy & Guidance



- National Guidance
- Government policy, advice and guidance (e.g. Circulars)
- National Planning Framework for Scotland 2004
- Scottish Planning Policies (SPPs)
- Planning Advice Notes (PANs)



## Scottish Executive Guidance



### **NPPG 10: Planning and Waste Management**

**'Waste Management requires three key contributions from planning authorities**

- 1. Implement planning provisions of the Waste Management Licensing Regulations 1994**
- 2. Apply appropriate aims of the Government's sustainable development strategy**
- 3. Implement SEPA's national waste strategy by appropriate land allocations'**



# Scottish Executive Guidance



## .' PAN 63: Waste Management Planning

### 'Composting Facilities

Home composting of organic waste does not require planning permission. For commercial operations, developers will need to consult planning authorities for advice on whether planning permission is needed



# Development Plan



### **Two documents: Structure Plan and Local Plan**

- Sets out the local authority's policies and proposals
- Provides the basis for determining planning applications
- Gives a measure of certainty to all concerned
- Has regard to government guidance, local characteristics, views of development industry, amenity organisations, statutory bodies and the public



# The White Paper



## Reform of the Planning System in Scotland

- City Regions: Structure Plans and Local Plans, elsewhere single development plan
- New Planning Bill
- New Planning Advice Note on Community Engagement



# Thank You!

Question & Discussion.....



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