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Integrating the green agenda  
with frontline services

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**Outline**



- Drivers
- Public Sector response
- Community benefits
- Designing in sustainable procurement
- Greening service delivery
- Conclusions

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## Drivers



- Political
- Economic
- Social
- Technological
- Legislative

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## Public Sector Response



- Exemplar
- U.K. leader in E.U. 2009
- Simms report
- £40b – Councils spend p.a.
- LGA Sustainable Procurement W.G.
- Corporate objectives
- Mainstream sustainable development

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## Governance



- Sustainability portfolio holder
- Sustainability team
- Sustainability strategy
- Progress indicators
- Scrutiny / audit

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## Community Benefits



- Economic growth but not at any cost
- Socio economic benefit
- APSE report - benefits
- Added value from local expenditure
- Local economy
- Local supply chain and sub-contractors
- Local employment
- Demographic time bomb
- Environmental sustainability

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## Designing in sustainability



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| <p><b>&gt; PROBLEM:-</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>&gt; Restore 25 year old landfill</li><li>&gt; 2 year timescale</li><li>&gt; Source 100,000m3 of top soil</li><li>&gt; Impact on existing wetland habitat</li><li>&gt; Impact on area of social deprivation</li><li>&gt; Vacant Incinerator Plant</li><li>&gt; Leachate and Gas Treatment</li></ul> | <p><b>• SOLUTION:-</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>&gt; Purchase poor quality grazing land</li><li>&gt; Strip the soil to cover landfill liner extension</li><li>&gt; Use depressions as wetland</li><li>&gt; Demolish and clear vacant Incinerator</li></ul> <p><b>IMPACT:-</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>&gt; Reduced cost of restoration (£4 million)</li><li>&gt; Removed dereliction</li><li>&gt; Enhanced wildlife habitat (21ha)</li><li>&gt; Avoided soil haulage through area of social &gt; deprivation</li><li>&gt; Avoided 12,500 lorry journeys</li></ul> |
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## Greening frontline services



- Green fleets
- Recycling
- Organic food
- Building design
- Sustainable construction
- Green office – slim your bin
- Parks water supply

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## Conclusions



- Climate change with us
- Legislative pressure coming
- Public sector exemplar
- Community benefits achievable
- Innovation in service delivery
- Changes can deliver efficiency & improvement

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