



# APSE Soft FM Advisory Group

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## National Issues

- UK/Scottish Spending Review
- Scottish Spending Review
- Workforce issues
- Council Tax Freeze
- Commission on Future Public Service Delivery
- Scotland Bill – Enact Calman



# Local Authority Strategic Responses

## Short Term Responses

- Corporate and Service Restructuring
- Recruitment Freeze
- Pay Freeze/Reductions
- Increase Fees/Charges - Politically Sensitive
- Service Review/Service Redesign
- New Target Operational Models



## Medium Term Responses

- Procurement Reform – Procurement Scotland/Scotland Excel
- Collaborative Reviews with Partners
- Back Office Efficiency – Transactions
- Sharing Services
- Alternative Business Models/Creeping Outsourcing



## Longer Term

- Personalized/Better Targeting of Resources
- Preventative Intervention Programmes



## Responses

- Influenced by Managerial Complexity, Political Sensitivity/Difficulty and Time
- Tools which can be used now to realise savings – need for quick release
- Tools which can be used over the medium/longer term... Take time and are complex and sensitive
- Issue is Time!



## Recent Briefings

- Outcomes of a Round Table Event into Shaping Responses in a Climate of Austerity (10/62)
- Comprehensive Spending Review 2010 – Implications for LA's (10/60)
- Scottish Government Spending Plans and Draft Budget for 2011/12 (10/65)
- Scottish Government Commission to Review Public Services in Scotland (10/66)
- Scottish Government Local Government Finance Settlement 2011/12 (10/73)



## Research Reports

- One Size Does Not Fit All – Attitudes and Opinions Towards Service Transformation
- Exploring Economic Footprint of West Lothian Operational Services



## Seminars/Conferences

- APSE Building & Housing Seminar – Peebles 16-17 February 2011
  - Building & Housing Accolades
  - Apprentice of the Year Awards
- National Conference – Hampden Park 25 February 2011



## Proposed Survey of ASPE Membership in Scotland

- Considering a survey in order to improve APSE offering to Member Councils
- Looking to Pilot in two groups
- Use Soft FM ?



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