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## NEW GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS LISTING

This is a list of government guidance, consultation papers, etc, on topics relevant to our members, published in the previous week. They are all on the web and the web addresses were checked on the Wednesday preceding the date of this Bulletin.

### Communities and Local Government

- **£18 million deal approved to buy further new homes for affordable housing (News release)**  
<http://www.communities.gov.uk/news/corporate/1113423>
- **Guidance on meaningful interaction: How encouraging positive relationships between people can help build community cohesion**  
<http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/communities/meaningfulinteraction>
- **Guidance on building a local sense of belonging**  
<http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/communities/senseofbelonging>
- **Cohesion Delivery Framework: overview (revised)**  
<http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/communities/cohesiondeliveryrevised>
- **Delivering lifetime homes, lifetime neighbourhoods - a national strategy for housing in an ageing society**  
<http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/housing/housingageingsociety>
- **Definition of zero carbon homes and non-domestic buildings: consultation**  
<http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/planningandbuilding/zerocarbondefinition>
- **Code of recommended practice on local authority publicity - a consultation**  
<http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/localgovernment/publicitycodeconsultation>
- **The Housing Revenue Account Subsidy Determination 2009-2010 and the Item 8 Credit and Item 8 Debit (General) Determination 2009-2010**  
<http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/housing/hrasubsidydeterminations0910>

### HM Treasury

- **1.5 million people to benefit from free cash machines in low-income areas (Press notice)**  
[http://www.hm-treasury.gov.uk/press\\_139\\_08.htm](http://www.hm-treasury.gov.uk/press_139_08.htm)

### Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

- **New funding to help hill farmers protect historic uplands (News release)**  
<http://www.defra.gov.uk/news/2008/081218c.htm>
- **Government and research councils establish centre to tackle environmental risk (News release)**  
<http://www.defra.gov.uk/news/2008/081229.htm>
- **Farming: code of good agricultural practice (guidance)**  
<http://www.defra.gov.uk/farm/environment/cogap/index.htm>

- **Consultation on implementation of the Paint Products Regulations 2005 addressing monitoring and enforcement issues**

<http://www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/consult/paint-products/index.htm>

### Department for Children, Schools and Families

- **National peer mentoring programme launched (Press release)**  
[http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/pns/DisplayPN.cgi?pn\\_id=2008\\_0300](http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/pns/DisplayPN.cgi?pn_id=2008_0300)
- **£9 million for young people to become social entrepreneurs (Press release)**  
[http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/pns/DisplayPN.cgi?pn\\_id=2008\\_0298](http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/pns/DisplayPN.cgi?pn_id=2008_0298)
- **2020 Children's and Young People's Workforce Strategy (consultation)**  
<http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/consultations/conDetails.cfm?consultationId=1591>

### Department for Transport

- **Guidance on governance reviews and the publication of governance schemes**  
<http://www.dft.gov.uk/pgr/regional/localtransportbill/guidancegovernance.pdf>
- **Consultation on Local Transport Plan 3 guidance**  
<http://www.dft.gov.uk/consultations/open/draftguidanceltp/mainconsultationltp.pdf>

### Department for Work and Pensions

- **Best practices sought to tackle child poverty (Press release)**  
<http://www.dwp.gov.uk/mediacentre/pressreleases/2009/jan/drc122-050109.asp>

### Department for Culture, Media and Sport

- **Government moves to secure funding to tackle problem gambling (statutory levy) (News release)**  
[http://www.culture.gov.uk/reference\\_library/media\\_releases/5723.aspx](http://www.culture.gov.uk/reference_library/media_releases/5723.aspx)

### Department of Health

- **Transforming community services: currency and pricing options for community services - guidance**  
[http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH\\_093008](http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_093008)

### Home Office

- **Putting people first (new policing and crime bill) (News release)**  
<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/about-us/news/putting-people-first>
- **Map crime in your neighbourhood (neighbourhood crime maps) (News release)**  
<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/about-us/news/Map-crime-neighbourhood>

## Scottish Government

- **National accommodation strategy for young people displaying sexually harmful behaviour: good practice working document**  
<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/Doc/255849/0075837.pdf>
- **Revision of Circular 12/1996: planning agreements: consultation paper**  
<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/Doc/256182/0076041.pdf>
- **Public Procurement Reform Programme: Scottish procurement policy handbook**  
<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/Doc/256155/0076031.pdf>
- **Culture: Culture Delivers (guidance)**  
<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/Doc/255857/0075838.pdf>
- **Standing for office: time-off entitlements and encouraging civil engagement: a consultation**  
<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/Doc/255984/0075916.pdf>
- **Improving the lives of children in Scotland - are we there yet? Consultation on the Scottish Government's response to the 2008 Concluding Observations from the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child**  
<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/Doc/255311/0075694.pdf>
- **The Scottish Road Works Register (Prescribed Fees and Amounts) Regulations 2008 Consultation**  
<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/Doc/205451/0054672.pdf>

## Welsh Assembly Government

- **Consultation by the Welsh Assembly Government on draft local air quality management policy guidance for Wales**  
<http://new.wales.gov.uk/consultations/environment/localairmanagement/?lang=en>
- **Technical consultation on eating disorders: Pathways for Wales**  
<http://new.wales.gov.uk/consultations/healthsocialcare/eatingdisorders/?lang=en>

## Northern Ireland Executive

- **Legislative framework for mental capacity and mental health legislation in Northern Ireland (consultation)**  
<http://www.dhsspsni.gov.uk/legislative-framework-for-mental-capacity.pdf>
- **Chief Executives of new Health and Social Care organisations announced (Press release)**  
<http://www.northernireland.gov.uk/news/news-dhssps/news-dhssps-050109-chief-executives-of.htm>

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## LOCAL GOVERNMENT & MANAGEMENT

IDeA

Ref No: [B10896](#)

### **IDeA/LGA survey of the impact of the economic slowdown on local authorities 2008: summary of results**

IDeA, Layden House, 76-86 Turnmill Street, London EC1M 5LG

(Available on the internet at: <http://www.idea.gov.uk/idk/aio/9215423>)

2008

Pages: 20

Publisher's price: Unknown

Sets out the results of a survey which aimed to find out how the current economic climate is affecting local government. Presents data on: the effect of inflationary pressure and loss of income on overall budget position; additional demands on services due to the economic slowdown; effects on capital projects and physical development; impact on local third sector organisations; impact on LAA performance; and how authorities intend to ameliorate the impact of the slowdown on local communities.

Audit Commission

Ref No: [B10837](#)

### **Crunch time? The impact of the economic downturn on local government finances**

Audit Commission, 1st Floor, Millbank Tower, London SW1P 4HQ

(Available on the internet at: <http://www.audit-commission.gov.uk/Products/NATIONAL-REPORT/891AD844-E222-431C-804D-9C48C89A33E0/CrunchTime19Dec08REP.pdf> )

2008

Pages: 52

Publisher's price: Unknown

Examines the impact of the economic downturn on local government finances and the challenges facing councils as they manage the financial turbulence of 2008. Draws on a survey of 145 chief finance officers and an analysis of nationally available data. Looks at the economic challenges, including higher inflation, interest rates and shortage of credit, falls in property values and the general downturn in the world economy. Discusses the consequences of the Comprehensive Spending Review 2007 which was based on optimistic economic assumptions. Assesses the impact of the current economic changes on local authority finances. Suggests that councils, though facing some difficult decisions in the coming months, are generally well placed to manage the effects of the recession. Reports that councils have anticipated these pressures to some extent, have adequate reserves to help them cushion the impact, and are taking action in response to the changing economic picture, such as reducing energy costs and introducing recruitment freezes.

Knowledge Council

Ref No: [B10905](#)

### **Information matters: building government's capability in managing knowledge and information**

HM Government

(Available on the internet at: <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/services/publications/information-matters-strategy.pdf> )

2008

Pages: 24

Publisher's price: Unknown

Sets out a strategy designed to help government departments develop the frameworks, tools and culture needed to effectively manage and share public sector information. Looks at why information matters, the transforming impact of digital technologies, and the role of good information and knowledge management. Identifies the key strategic actions needed for government to: improve the way departments manage information as a valuable asset, ensure it is protected, made accessible where appropriate, and used effectively to inform decision making. Suggests ways to build a culture that shares knowledge more effectively, and builds capability in the handling of information of all kinds. Seeks to deliver this through developing the professionalism of knowledge and information management, and through supporting governance, processes and technology.

Russell, Hilary

Ref No: [B10768](#)

### **Long term evaluation of Local Area Agreements and Local Strategic Partnerships: case studies issues paper**

Communities and Local Government Publications, PO Box 236, Wetherby LS23 7NB

(Available on the internet at: <http://www.communities.gov.uk/documents/localgovernment/pdf/1084447.pdf> )

2008

Pages: 45

Publisher's price: Unknown

Examines themes emerging from the first round of fieldwork in the five longitudinal case studies being undertaken as part of the national evaluation of Local Area Agreements (LAAs) and Local Strategic Partnerships (LSPs): Blackburn with Darwen; Leeds; Worcestershire; Lewisham; and Brighton and Hove. Focuses on efficiency drivers and levers; service improvement drivers and levers; and trust and relationships drivers and levers to provide illustrative material about the impact of policies on the ground. Considers barriers, challenges and facilitating factors and reviews outcomes. Identifies policy messages for government, policy messages for LSPs and their member organisations, and areas for future research. See also two related reports on the long term evaluation of LAAs and LSPs, the report of the first round of stakeholder interviews (PLANEX Ref. B10766) and 'Developing a theory of change' (B10767).

Improvement and Development Agency; Local Government Association

Ref No: [B10781](#)

### **Insight: understanding your citizens, customers and communities**

IDEA, Layden House, 76-86 Turnmill Street, London EC1M 5LG

(Available on the internet at: <http://www.idea.gov.uk/idk/aio/9190956> )

2008

Pages: 27

Publisher's price: Unknown

Looks at how having an understanding of local communities and individual citizens can help local authorities deliver better public services. Outlines what is meant by customer insight, explaining that councils already undertake some aspects through tools such as consultation and surveys, but that a culture which values insight needs to be established. Provides advice on developing customer insight and outlines its relevance to the comprehensive area agreements.

Matthews, Felicity

Click to access full text: [A18915](#)

### **Ensuring the capacity to deliver: New Labour and the public service agreement framework 1997-2007, IN International Journal of Leadership in Public Services, Vol 4 No 3 Oct 2008, pp37-52**

Journal article.

2008

Pages: 16

Analyses the implementation of and outcomes relating to the public service agreement (PSA) framework, a target-based performance regime which acts as a vehicle for the majority of spending and policy decisions on public service delivery. Looks at how the PSA framework works in practice, focusing on relationships between different central government departments. Examines the suitability of a target-based regime as a driver of public service delivery. Suggests that several aspects of the framework impede effective service delivery, including inter-departmental tensions in Whitehall and conflict between top-down performance management and devolved autonomy on the ground.

Olsen, Helen

Click to access full text: [A19056](#)

### **Luxury or necessity? (green ICT), IN Local Government IT in Use, Nov/Dec 2008, pp14-15**

Journal article.

2008

Pages: 2

Discusses how important green IT initiatives are for councils in the current economic climate. Examines the findings of LGITU's survey looking at green IT procurement in local government and how councils are planning to measure and improve their environmental performance. Looks at the extent to which councils see technology as an enabler of sustainability, whether they think they are capable of meeting carbon targets, the main drivers for pursuing green initiatives, and the links to other council-wide strategies. Discusses the potential implications of financial constraints on green purchasing.

Local Government IT in Use (LGITU) et al

Ref No: [B10792](#)

### **NI14: help or hindrance? Performance indicators and customer service**

Informed Publications Ltd (IPL)

(Available on the internet at:

<http://www.ukauthority.com/LinkClick.aspx?link=Research%2fNI14+Help+or+Hindrance+Nov08.pdf&tabid=74&mid=486> )

2008

Pages: 44

Publisher's price: Unknown

Reports on the results of a survey on the new National Indicator 14 (NI14), the duty to record and report on 'avoidable contact' with the citizen. Looks at how local authorities (LAs) in England are currently approaching NI14 and what benefits they felt were gained from the experience. Presents commentary on the survey by representatives of each of the project partners. Presents the survey questions and responses. Suggests that the greatest perceived benefit to be gained from the process of reporting NI14 was increased customer satisfaction and that the biggest perceived negative was the danger that people may not accurately report avoidable contacts. Includes an appendix listing all LA participants.

Keohane, Nigel

Ref No: [B10770](#)

### **Forestalling foreclosure: a new role for local authorities**

New Local Government Network (NLGN), First Floor, New City Court, 20 St. Thomas Street, London SE1 9RS

(Available on the internet at: <http://www.nlgn.org.uk/public/wp-content/uploads/forestalling-foreclosure.pdf>)

2008

Pages: 10

Publisher's price: Unknown

Discusses the sharp rise in repossessions and homeowners falling into mortgage arrears. Highlights the impact this has on family life and the social, economic and emotional implications for those involved. Suggests there should be a new role for local authorities in responding proactively to the threat of repossessions. Outlines the steps being taken by central government to alleviate repossessions and their impact. Calls for a more strategic role for councils in preventing repossessions taking place. Describes some of the initiatives that local authorities are putting in place to respond proactively to the challenges brought about by the credit crunch.

Lightowler, Claire; Mackenzie, Jane

Ref No: [B10831](#)

**The knowledge and information management landscape in Scottish local government: scoping study**

Improvement Service, Westerton House, East Mains Industrial Estate, Broxburn, Edinburgh EH52 5AU

(Available on the internet at:

[http://www.improvementservice.org.uk/community-planning/component/option.com\\_docman/Itemid,356/task.doc\\_details/gid,2124/](http://www.improvementservice.org.uk/community-planning/component/option.com_docman/Itemid,356/task.doc_details/gid,2124/))

2008

Pages: 20

Publisher's price: Unknown

Presents the results of a scoping study undertaken to identify knowledge management and information management responsibilities among the Scottish local government workforce. Describes some of the information management practitioner roles within local authorities. Outlines findings on councils' use of information resources, including the IDOX Information Service. Identifies links between knowledge practitioners and other staff groups. Finds evidence of involvement in professional networks. Considers how the Improvement Service could support the local government knowledge and information management community. Indicates the most common job titles of local government officers with responsibility for research and information. Lists information and knowledge management networks and supporting organisations operating in Scotland.

Klaushofer, Alex

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**We know where you live (Comprehensive Area Assessment), IN Public Finance, 5-11 Dec 2008, pp18-21**

Journal article.

2008

Pages: 4

Outlines the progress so far of the Comprehensive Area Assessment (CAA) which replaces the Comprehensive Performance Assessment (CPA) in April 2009. Discusses the differences between the CPA and CAA. Suggests that the CAA will be light-touch, joined-up, locally-focused and accessible to the public, which the CPA wasn't. Looks at the advantages, disadvantages and local government views of the new regime. Explains that while it has been welcomed almost universally, there are concerns over whether the new regime will live up to its promise. Points out that there is little opportunity for changes to the CAA now the second consultation has finished.

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## ECONOMIC & BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

Bivand, Paul

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**Where are the new jobs going to be? (post-recession employment), IN Working Brief, No 199 Nov 2008, pp3-6**

Journal article.

2008

Pages: 4

Considers the possible structure of the UK labour market after the current recession has ended. Explains that labour market structures are never the same after a recession as before. Identifies the jobs and sectors likely to be most and least at risk after economic recovery. Analyses trends in vacancies by industrial category, firm size, and Jobcentre Plus vacancies by occupational group. Analyses employment trends by UK region.

Anon.

Click to access full text: [A19091](#)

**Nineteen million pound plan to tackle unemployment in North Lanarkshire, IN Cosla Connections, No 42 Dec 2008, pp10-11**

Journal article.

2008

Pages: 2

Reports on a new service that has been launched in North Lanarkshire to tackle unemployment in the area. Describes 'North Lanarkshire's Working' as a service offering hard-to-reach groups, including the long term unemployed and lone parents, a full support package to help them into employment. Explains that the service involves agencies in the public and private sector working closely together and sharing a common database to allow opportunities to be easily identified. Outlines key partners involved in the service and highlights the main elements of the worklessness programme. Presents three case studies featuring people who have been assisted into employment by North Lanarkshire's Working partners.

Evans, Jill

Click to access full text: [A19210](#)

**What's the score? (the new immigration system for skilled migrants), IN People Management, 11 Dec 2008, pp30-33**

Journal article.

2008

Pages: 4

Discusses the new points-based system for immigration. Explains that the new rules, which cover migrants from outside the European Economic Area, wishing to work, study or train in the UK, are intended to be more objective. Explores Tier 2, the route for skilled migrants with a job offer. Looks at the role of the employer sponsor license and how the licensing system will work including what the UK Border Agency (UKBA) will be looking for in terms of employers' human resources (HR) systems. Explains how to apply for a sponsor licence, and highlights the introduction of new, stricter job definitions. Identifies six key points that employers should be aware of in relation to the new system. Questions whether the system has been introduced to deter employers from using Tier 2 migrants.

Rangarajan, Anu et al

Ref No: [B10782](#)

**Programmes to promote employment for disabled people: lessons from the United States (Research report no 548)**

Department for Work and Pensions

(Available on the internet at: <http://www.dwp.gov.uk/asd/asd5/rports2007-2008/rrep548.pdf> )

2008

Pages: 89

Publisher's price: Unknown

ISBN: 9781847124654

Reviews evaluation findings from the US experience in providing return-to-work support for disabled people and discusses the implications for similar programmes in the UK. Summarises initiatives which have been influential in shaping perceptions about best practice in providing return-to-work over the past 25 years. Compares UK and US disability programmes and policy. Identifies lessons for UK initiatives and summarises overall trends in practice. Provides appendices of detailed information on the features of the US disability programmes summarised in the report.

Abdallah, Saamah; Jackson, Tim; Marks, Nic

Ref No: [B10785](#)

**The 2008 R-ISEW (regional index of sustainable economic well-being) for all the English regions**

East Midlands Development Agency, Apex Court, City Link, Nottingham NG2 4LA

(Available on the internet at: <http://www.yorkshirefutures.com/siteassets/documents/YorkshireFutures/0/D/0D6B8DBB-04A7-4960-8E1D-E6A82A0235AA/R-ISEW%202008%20revised.pdf> )

2008

Pages: 67

Publisher's price: Unknown

Presents a set of regional indices of sustainable economic well-being (R-ISEWs) for the nine Government Office Regions of England, demonstrating how much each region's economic activity contributes to, and detracts from, well-being, and how sustainable this activity is. Explains that the aim of the indicators is to measure social and environmental factors along with economic factors in a single analytic framework. Analyses overall patterns, then concentrates on economic, social and environmental indicators in turn, then by region. Explains the differences between this year's R-ISEWs and last year's, focusing on methodological amendments.

Marshall, Adam

Ref No: [B10829](#)

**The future of regional development agencies**

Centre for Cities, Enterprise House, 59-65 Upper Ground, London SE1 9PQ

(Available on the internet at:

<http://www.centreforcities.org/assets/files/The%20Future%20of%20Regional%20Development%20Agencies.pdf> )

2008

Pages: 8

Publisher's price: Unknown

Sets out some options for a re-structuring of England's regional development agencies (RDAs). Assesses the performance of RDAs, looking at regional performance and stakeholder views. Outlines some limitations of the current regional development framework in England, criticising RDAs on grounds of: accountability; unrealistic expectations; targets; spatial scale; and efficiency. Proposes changes to RDAs in order to deliver better outcomes and greater efficiency. Argues for a single development agency covering the whole of the North of England. Calls for more powers for city regions.

Anon.

Click to access full text: [A19159](#)**Early legislation will define strategic role (reinforcing the strategic role of RDAs), IN RDA News, No 101 Dec 2008, pp1,3**

Journal article.

2008

Pages: 2

Looks at moves to reinforce the strategic role of regional development agencies (RDAs) and establish new city regions as part of the government's Sub National Review of Economic Development and Regeneration (PLANEX Ref. B5396). Explains that plans are likely to include giving councils a prominent role alongside RDAs in deciding planning issues. Identifies a number of key measures including a new duty on local authorities to assess the economic conditions in their areas, a streamlined process for regional planning, and a joint duty to prepare and agree a single strategy for each region outside London. Reports a range of views on such developments and what the reforms are likely to mean. Looks at how the NWDA plans to build on the 2006 Regional Economic Strategy including the delivery of a new single strategy for sustainable economic growth in the North West of England. Identifies the opportunities that a more integrated approach to regional development is likely to bring.

Department for Innovation, Universities and Skills

Ref No: [B10833](#)**Annual innovation report 2008**

Department for Innovation, Universities and Skills

(Available on the internet at: [http://www.dius.gov.uk/policy/annual\\_innovation\\_report.html](http://www.dius.gov.uk/policy/annual_innovation_report.html) )

2008

Pages: 152

Publisher's price: Unknown

Describes progress since the government's 'Innovation nation' White Paper, published in March 2008 (PLANEX Ref. B7994). Presents selected headline indicators of the UK's innovation performance. Looks at trends, developments and policy on: research, knowledge exchange and business innovation; inward investment and international collaboration in science and innovation; skills for innovation; the public sector driving demand for innovation; and regional innovation and the role of the regional development agencies (RDAs).

Brinkley, Ian

Ref No: [B10897](#)**Knowledge economy and enterprise: a knowledge economy working paper**

Work Foundation, 21 Palmer Street, London SW1H 0AD

(Available on the internet at:

[http://www.theworkfoundation.com/assets/docs/publications/203\\_Knowledge%20Economy%20and%20Enterprise.pdf](http://www.theworkfoundation.com/assets/docs/publications/203_Knowledge%20Economy%20and%20Enterprise.pdf) )

2008

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Explores changes in the structure of employment in the UK over the last 30 years which has seen a big rise in those working in knowledge-based services. Considers how much this change has been driven by small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs). Questions whether the shift towards a knowledge-based economy has been accompanied by a shift towards an entrepreneurial economy with a more important role for SMEs, or whether the knowledge economy is seeing the rebirth of the corporation as the most effective means of operating and exploiting new forms of knowledge (the 'new corporate' economy). Highlights the key drivers for both the entrepreneurial and new corporate economies: demand, technology, globalisation and organisational. Sets out definitions and measurement issues in relation to enterprise and SMEs. Concludes that the knowledge economy has been equally beneficial in stimulating the growth of both SMEs and large firms in the UK over the past decade. Suggests that enterprise in the UK's knowledge-based economy is performing well by international standards. Briefly discusses the enterprise White Paper (PLANEX Ref. B8006) and considers implications for policy.

UK Commission for Employment and Skills

Ref No: [B10906](#)**Skills utilisation literature review**

Scottish Government, Education Analytical Services, Lifelong Learning Research, 3rd Floor, Meridian Court, Glasgow G2 6AT

(Available on the internet at: <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/Doc/254849/0075479.pdf> )

2008

Pages: 97

Publisher's price: Unknown

Brings together evidence on the topic of skills utilisation to provide a picture of the nature and extent of the current evidence base. Sets out the policy context of the skills utilisation agenda in the UK. Presents the evidence for the three main approaches to skills utilisation identified in the literature: the market-driven workplace approach; the state-driven workplace approach; and the holistic approach. Provides a summary of the measurement of skills utilisation and its link to contextual factors such as productivity, workplace matters, and leadership and management. Assesses gaps in the current evidence base and makes recommendations regarding areas for further consideration in order to move the agenda forward.

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## EDUCATION

Jones, Oswald; Macpherson, Allan; Woollard, David

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### **Entrepreneurial ventures in higher education: analysing organisational growth, IN International Small Business Journal, Vol 26 No 6 Dec 2008, pp683-708**

Journal article.

2008

Pages: 26

Examines the creation and growth of a Centre for Enterprise (CfE), based in Manchester Metropolitan University Business School (MMUBS), which grew to a total of 21 staff in six years. Looks at factors that influenced the Centre's emergence and sustainability. Draws on the concept of 'strategic space' to demonstrate the way in which a number of crises were negotiated during CfE's growth. Draws from the personal experiences of the Director of the CfE and from official business documents including minutes of meetings and strategy papers. Explores theories of growth and considers how the negotiation of crises was critical for continued expansion. Suggests that the institutional context was fundamental to the way transition points were negotiated during the Centre's development.

Glickman, Norman J; Scally, Corianne P

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### **Can community and education organizing improve inner-city schools?, IN Journal of Urban Affairs, Vol 30 No 5 2008, pp557-577**

Journal article.

2008

Pages: 21

Looks at the importance of good interrelationships between inner-city schools and neighbourhoods and identifies creative ways to reduce school-community tensions. Addresses the usefulness of education organising in improving both communities and schools. Utilises a theory of change to demonstrate how the growing 'education organising' movement seeks to improve both schools and communities by focusing on problem issues, cultivating social capital, developing indigenous leaders, building power and demanding greater accountability. Highlights both community and school outcomes achieved by a variety of groups using a case study of local affiliates of the National Industrial Areas Foundation in the United States.

Murtagh, Cera

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### **Mother tongues (multilingualism as a learning tool), IN Holyrood, No 202 15 Dec 2008, pp50-51**

Journal article.

2008

Pages: 2

Discusses why English as an Additional Language (EAL) should be seen as an educational asset. Describes how St Louise's Primary School in Thornliebank, Glasgow, is exploring the opportunities stemming from multilingualism. Explains that the school has seen a dramatic change in its pupil profile from predominantly white and monolingual to about thirty per cent with EAL, the majority from Poland. Reports on how the school is exploiting the benefits of learning in a multilingual environment to boost cultural and linguistic awareness, and raise literacy levels. Explains that while St Louise's has adjusted well to its changing demographics, this has not been the case elsewhere. Looks at the challenges that many schools are facing. Argues that the focus is on need, not nationality, when it comes to allocating resources.

Gawn, Judith

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### **Skills for Life, the Foundation Learning Tier and Functional Skills, IN Basic Skills Bulletin, No 69 Dec 2008, pp9-10**

Journal article.

2008

Pages: 2

Addresses some commonly raised questions about the Functional Skills pilots. Explains the relationship between Progression Pathways, the Foundation Learning Tier and existing structures. Discusses the major issues that were raised at two NIACE (National Institute of Adult Continuing Education) events held earlier in the year for Skills for Life practitioners: the status of Skills for Life qualifications following the introduction of Functional Skills and the Foundation Learning Tier Progression Pathways; the place of ESOL (English for speakers of other languages) qualifications in the new framework; concerns over future funding for community rather than work-based education; how the new framework will be delivered; and assessment procedures.

Schleicher, Andreas

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**PIAAC: a new strategy for assessing adult competencies, IN International Review of Education, Vol 54 No 5-6 Nov 2008, pp627-650**

Journal article.

2008

Pages: 24

Describes a new strategy being developed by the OECD for assessing the literacy skills of adults, including familiarity with ICT and the ability to construct new knowledge and communicate with others. Explains the background to PIAAC (Programme for the International Assessment of Adult Competencies) and its aim to create an internationally relevant measure of key cognitive skills as well as formal educational attainment. Outlines the key features of PIAAC and its definition of the components of literacy as the information and knowledge skills needed in order to participate effectively in society. Looks at the reasons for expanding literacy assessment to incorporate aspects of ICT. Considers the potential benefits of PIAAC for developing public policy on education, skills and social exclusion.

Eddy Adams Consultants Ltd; Smart Consultancy (Scotland) Ltd; Training and Employment Research Unit, University of Glasgow

Ref No: [B10797](#)

**Work experience in Scotland**

Scottish Government, Educational Research

(Available on the internet at: <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/Doc/249899/0072298.pdf>)

2008

Pages: 71

Publisher's price: Unknown

Explores current work experience provision for students below the statutory school leaving age in Scotland. Considers the original rationale for work experience and discusses the changing labour market. Looks at relevant policy. Describes the approach to work experience in England, Ireland and Australia. Looks at the current work experience model, considers the aims of work experience, and provides an overview of the current offer in Scotland. Examines a range of operational issues relating to work experience, such as matching, timing and equity. Summarises the results of six local area case studies (Aberdeenshire, Dumfries and Galloway, Dundee, Falkirk, Glasgow and South Lanarkshire) and highlights common themes. Presents the results of a survey of employers about work experience. Sets out the strengths and weaknesses of the current work experience model in Scotland. Presents four options for the Scottish Government to consider, and recommendations for improving provision. For appendices, see PLANEX Ref. B10798.

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## ENVIRONMENT & NATURE CONSERVATION

Jorden, Steve

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**Stress test (emergency planning for floods), IN Environmental Health Practitioner, Vol 116 No 12 Dec 2008, pp14-15**

Journal article.

2008

Pages: 2

Discusses some of the lessons that were learned about emergency planning following the floods that hit Wychavon in July 2007. Explains the background to the flooding which affected Worcestershire and Gloucestershire. Describes how Wychavon District Council responded to the crisis and some of the unexpected problems that were encountered. Highlights some lessons in relation to: contingency plans for accessing emergency centres when transport links are down; security at emergency centres; care and facilities for rescued pets; the establishment of local flood advice centres to deal with the recovery phase and support the public; waste and sewage removal in the aftermath; and staff welfare.

Audit Scotland

Ref No: [B10779](#)

**Improving energy efficiency**

Audit Scotland, 110 George Street, Edinburgh EH2 4LH

(Available on the internet at: [http://www.audit-scotland.gov.uk/docs/central/2008/nr\\_081211\\_energy\\_efficiency.pdf](http://www.audit-scotland.gov.uk/docs/central/2008/nr_081211_energy_efficiency.pdf))

2008

Pages: 26

Publisher's price: Unknown ISBN: 9781906752224

Provides an assessment of how the public sector is improving its energy efficiency in relation to buildings and transport use. Draws on relevant policy documents, a survey issued to councils, NHS bodies and central government departments, and interviews with relevant staff. Outlines the achievements so far, commenting that public sector energy consumption has fallen but spending has increased due to significant rises in energy prices. Suggests that strong leadership will be important in delivering improved energy efficiency in the future.

Government Office for Science, Foresight Programme

Ref No: [B10830](#)

### **Powering our lives: sustainable energy management and the built environment - final project report**

Government Office for Science

(Available on the internet at: [http://www.foresight.gov.uk/Energy/EnergyFinal/final\\_project\\_report.pdf](http://www.foresight.gov.uk/Energy/EnergyFinal/final_project_report.pdf))

2008

Pages: 218

Publisher's price: Unknown

Examines how the UK's built environment could evolve as part of a transition to sustainable, low-carbon energy systems. Draws lessons from past periods of energy transition. Presents a range of scenarios illustrating different pathways to decarbonisation. Analyses the social and economic factors that shape the co-evolution of energy systems and the built environment. Examines necessary changes in human behaviour, the different scales at which energy systems operate and the potential for renewal of the built environment. Discusses the security and resilience of energy systems and the built environment. Explores strategic issues that need to be addressed in future energy and built environment policy. Identifies implementation challenges. Argues that energy use in buildings must be tackled if the UK is to meet its carbon emissions reduction target.

Dodds, Paul

Ref No: [B10789](#)

### **The transition to a low carbon economy (Postnote no 318)**

Parliamentary Office of Science Technology, 7 Millbank, London SW1P 3JA

(Available on the internet at: <http://www.parliament.uk/documents/upload/postpn318.pdf>)

2008

Pages: 4

Publisher's price: Unknown

Examines UK emissions trends since 1990 and considers how the UK might achieve a technological and behavioural transition to meet the targets. Provides the background to greenhouse gas emissions (GHGs) in the UK and outlines the GHG emission targets. Looks at some transition scenarios to assess how UK emissions could be reduced. Outlines government policies and considers the issues for government.

Riddlestone, Sue

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### **Triple whammy (eco-towns and achieving sustainability), IN Footprint, Nov-Dec 2008, pp26-28**

Journal article.

2008

Pages: 3

Discusses why the eco-town concept should be retained and developed, notwithstanding its recent bad press. Argues that eco-towns can help residents achieve 'one planet living' as UK householders currently consume considerably more than their share of global resources. Assesses how eco-towns can help residents tackle their ecological footprint. Looks at how the carbon footprint could be further reduced via changes in housing construction, home energy use, transport, food, consumer goods and waste. Includes graphs of the ecological footprint and carbon dioxide emissions of an average UK resident.

Wood Mackenzie

Ref No: [B10832](#)

### **The future of electricity generation in Scotland**

Scottish Council for Development and Industry, 23 Chester Street, Edinburgh EH3 7ET

(Available on the internet at: [http://www.scdi.org.uk/energy/SCDI\\_Future\\_of\\_Electricity\\_Generation\\_in\\_Scotland.pdf](http://www.scdi.org.uk/energy/SCDI_Future_of_Electricity_Generation_in_Scotland.pdf))

2008

Pages: 52

Publisher's price: Unknown

Provides an assessment of electricity demand and generation in Scotland over the period to 2020, and the country's ability to realise a target of fifty per cent of its power demand from renewable sources. Describes the existing Scottish electricity market and its integration with the broader UK system. Outlines the structure of network ownership and operation and considers issues of network capacity, connection constraints and network charging. Looks at Scottish energy policy, including the frameworks of EU and UK energy and climate regulation, proposed changes to the UK Renewables Obligation and the Scottish Government's role in determining energy policy. Describes the current situation regarding power generation and demand. Presents a forecast of power demand and generation to 2020, examining two alternative scenarios based on the amount of renewable energy and alternative low-carbon technologies used. Considers the costs involved. Concludes that a balanced combination of renewable technologies and less carbon-intensive fossil-fuelled sources would provide the optimum mix of Scottish generation, in terms of the cost, competitiveness, security and diversity of energy supply. Suggests that nuclear power should be considered as a potential part of the longer term generation base in Scotland, although it seems very unlikely that any development of nuclear generation in Scotland would deliver new capacity before 2020.

TCPA

Ref No: [B10769](#)**Towards zero waste: eco-towns waste management worksheet**

Town and Country Planning Association

(Available on the internet at: [http://www.tcpa.org.uk/press\\_files/pressreleases\\_2008/20081202\\_ET\\_Waste.pdf](http://www.tcpa.org.uk/press_files/pressreleases_2008/20081202_ET_Waste.pdf))

2008

Pages: 31

Publisher's price: Unknown

Recommends ways in which the government's ambitious targets on waste minimisation could be achieved. Argues that eco-towns should lead the way in sustainable waste management and inspire communities to think of waste as a resource to reuse and recycle. Provides guidance on what these developments could and should achieve in relation to waste management and material resource efficiency. Sets out details of pertinent regulations, case studies and sources of further information. Discusses the principles that should guide eco-town proposals and development, and outlines the expected outcomes of an eco-town. Looks at each step of the waste management process, from minimising waste produced in the first instance, through storage and collection, to maximising value through re-use, recycling and recovery.

Joint County/District Task Group

Ref No: [B10788](#)**Working together on waste: best practice from the Joint County/District Task Group**

Local Government Association, Local Government House, Smith Square, London SW1P 3HZ

(Available on the internet at: <http://www.lga.gov.uk/lga/aio/1268266>)

2008

Pages: 15

Publisher's price: Unknown

ISBN: 9781840496512

Presents some case studies which demonstrate how counties and districts across the UK have come together to tackle issues around waste. Looks at: Project Integra, Hampshire; Resource Cumbria; the Lancashire Waste Partnership; Somerset Waste Partnership; Suffolk Waste Partnership; the Joint Municipal Waste Strategy and project W2R in Staffordshire; Oxfordshire Waste Partnership; waste management in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough; waste management in Essex; the Bucks Waste Partnership; and the Northamptonshire Waste Partnership. Describes each of the projects, and their objectives and outcomes. Argues that, by working together, they have significantly increased recycling rates, made substantial savings and secured large amounts of external funding. Outlines a number of key lessons for joint working.

Agrawala, Shardul; Fankhauser, Samuel

Ref No: [B10790](#)**Economic aspects of adaptation to climate change: costs, benefits and policy instruments**

OECD Publishing

(Available on the internet at: <http://browse.oecdbookshop.org/oecd/pdfs/browseit/9708051E.PDF>)

2008

Pages: 133

Publisher's price: £14.00

ISBN: 9789264046030

Assesses adaptation costs and benefits in key climate-sensitive sectors, as well as across sectors at the sectoral, national and global levels. Examines the role of economic and policy instruments in incentivising adaptation. Looks at empirical estimates of adaptation costs and benefits in different climate-sensitive activities and regions including coastal zones, agriculture, water resources, energy demand, infrastructure, tourism and public health. Provides an overall assessment of the key messages, strengths and limitations of the sectoral, national and global estimates of adaptation costs and benefits. Identifies three instruments which could play a key role in adaptation: insurance and risk sharing, price signals and environmental markets, and public-private partnerships (PPPs). Discusses these instruments, focussing on their nature and current use, strengths and limitations and relevance for adaptation.

Scottish Natural Heritage

Ref No: [B10787](#)**Valuing our environment: the economic impact of Scotland's natural environment**

Scottish Natural Heritage, Battleby, Redgorton, Perth PH1 3EW

(Available on the internet at: [http://www.snh.org.uk/pdfs/publications/commissioned\\_reports/ValuingourEnvironment.pdf](http://www.snh.org.uk/pdfs/publications/commissioned_reports/ValuingourEnvironment.pdf))

2008

Pages: 8

Publisher's price: Unknown

Summarises research carried out by a partnership led by Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH) which calculated the economic impact of Scotland's natural environment and identified wider benefits of the environment to businesses and the economy. Outlines the key findings, including: Scotland's environmental assets underpin economic growth; output from activities which depend on the natural environment is estimated at 11 per cent of the Scottish output; and this output supports 14 per cent of all full time jobs in Scotland. Suggests that a Scottish economy that makes sustainable use of renewable resources, recycles waste, produces fewer greenhouse gas emissions and is supported by a high quality environment is likely to be more successful. Argues that economic and environmental benefits go hand in hand.

Irving, Sarah

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**A movement in transition (transition towns tackling climate change), IN New Start, Vol 10 No 461 12 Dec 2008, pp22-23**

Journal article.

2008

Pages: 2

Describes the Transition Towns movement, which provides a model for community-level responses to the impacts of climate change and dependency on fossil fuels. Explains the background to the concept and how it has spread around the world. Discusses how the model could be developed at a city-wide scale. Looks at Totnes in Devon, the original Transition Town, and also how Waiheke Island in New Zealand is adapting the principles to local circumstances.

Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

Ref No: [B10890](#)

**A National Flood Emergency Framework: proposals for consultation**

Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, Nobel House, 17 Smith Square, London SW1P 3JR

(Available on the internet at: <http://www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/consult/flood-emergency/consultation-doc.pdf>)

2008

Pages: 36

Publisher's price: Unknown

Presents proposals on what a National Flood Emergency Framework should consist of and how it should be made available and maintained. Summarises the need for and purpose of a National Flood Emergency Framework. Sets out six areas that need to be developed: flood risk advice from the Met Office and Environment Agency; the role of central government in the event of a flooding emergency; health and social care after a flood; guidance on multi-agency planning; mutual aid; and information and advice for flood emergency planners. Sets out the responsibilities of the most important organisations involved in flood emergency planning and response. Invites comments on specific aspects of and the overall approach of the proposals.

Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

Ref No: [B10891](#)

**The government's response to Sir Michael Pitt's review of the summer 2007 floods**

Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, Nobel House, 17 Smith Square, London SW1P 3JR

(Available on the internet at: <http://www.defra.gov.uk/environ/fcd/floods07/Govtresptopitt.pdf>)

2008

Pages: 127

Publisher's price: Unknown

Presents the government's response to recommendations contained in Sir Michael Pitt's independent review into the floods of summer 2007 (PLANEX Ref. B9143). Addresses flood risk management arrangements in England. Covers each of the six themes identified by the Pitt Review: knowing where and when floods will occur; improving planning and reducing the risk of flooding; rescue and care in a flooding emergency; maintaining power and water supplies and protecting essential services; advice and helping people to protect their homes; and health and recovery. Outlines the main benefits of implementing the recommendations. Appendices detail funding arrangements and timescale. Responds to each of the Pitt Review's 92 recommendations, indicating how each will be implemented and funded, and gives target implementation dates.

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## HOUSING

Holmans, Alan; Monk, Sarah; Whitehead, Christine

Ref No: [B10902](#)

**Homes for the future: a new analysis of housing need and demand in England**

Shelter, 88 Old Street, London EC1V 9HU

(Available on the internet at:

[http://england.shelter.org.uk/professional\\_resources/policy\\_library/policy\\_library\\_folder/homes\\_for\\_the\\_future\\_-\\_a\\_new\\_analysis\\_of\\_housing\\_need\\_and\\_demand\\_in\\_england](http://england.shelter.org.uk/professional_resources/policy_library/policy_library_folder/homes_for_the_future_-_a_new_analysis_of_housing_need_and_demand_in_england))

2008

Pages: 28

Publisher's price: Unknown

ISBN: 9781903595879

Reports that England is facing a severe shortage of affordable homes, and argues that this problem lies at the heart of the country's housing crisis. Suggests that as the population increases, this shortage will only get worse, unless there is an increase in the delivery of affordable homes. Argues that, to meet newly arising need and demand, a greater proportion of social rented and intermediate homes needs to be built than currently envisaged. Sets out Shelter's five key recommendations for alleviating this situation.

Sinn, Christopher

Ref No: [B10780](#)

### **Success through skills: maintaining proficiency in strategic housing**

IDEA, Layden House, 76-86 Turnmill Street, London EC1M 5LG

(Available on the internet at: <http://www.idea.gov.uk/idk/aio/9178339>)

2008

Pages: 53

Publisher's price: Unknown

Presents the findings of a follow-up survey to 2007's Skills for Success report (PLANEX Ref. B7077) which established a baseline position in relation to levels of proficiency in strategic housing. Discusses the importance of the strategic housing function within the corporate context and how strategic housing is being delivered through partnerships. Identifies the progress being made by local authorities against last year's baseline position, highlighting key areas in need of improvement.

Warburton, Matthew

Ref No: [B10795](#)

### **Implications of the new local government agenda for council housing**

HouseMark, 8 Riley Court, Millburn Hill Road, University of Warwick Science Park, Coventry CV4 7HP

(Available on the internet at:

[http://www.housemark.co.uk/hmresour.nsf/lookup/Implications\\_of\\_the\\_new\\_local\\_government\\_agenda\\_for\\_council\\_housing.pdf/\\$File/Implications\\_of\\_the\\_new\\_local\\_government\\_agenda\\_for\\_council\\_housing.pdf](http://www.housemark.co.uk/hmresour.nsf/lookup/Implications_of_the_new_local_government_agenda_for_council_housing.pdf/$File/Implications_of_the_new_local_government_agenda_for_council_housing.pdf))

2008

Pages: 45

Publisher's price: Unknown

Examines the implications of the 2006 Local Government White Paper (PLANEX Ref. B2719) for councils owning and managing housing, in the context of the introduction of a new regulatory regime for social housing. Provides an overview of the new agenda and describes each of its main elements. Analyses the duty on councils and other public services to involve communities and service users in decisions that affect them and the implications of the emphasis on community and user involvement. Discusses sustainable community strategies, local development frameworks and strategies for individual issues and services relating to sustainable development. Describes the new performance information environment. Looks at the legislative and policy framework for local area agreements. Analyses the first round of 150 local area agreements and what they mean for housing. Highlights the implications of the new settlement for the commissioning and delivery of services. Looks at the new arrangements for Comprehensive Area Assessment. Summarises the overall implications for council housing and includes the timetable for the implementation of the new arrangements.

Morrison, Doug

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### **Top of the class (student accommodation), IN Property Week 12 Dec 2008, pp46-47**

Journal article.

2008

Pages: 2

Looks at the prospects of the student accommodation property market in the recession. Suggests that, because there is a shortage of modern halls of residence and rising university attendance due to the economic slowdown, the sector will see active investment over the next year. Outlines examples of high-quality student accommodation under development across England including direct let and accommodation provided by agencies with formal ties to educational institutions.

Stothart, Chloe

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### **Home made (combined heat and power heating systems), IN Building, No 49 12 Dec 2008, pp52-53**

Journal article.

2008

Pages: 2

Looks at micro combined heat and power (CHP) systems which generate electricity while heating a home. Focuses on the potential of these systems for reducing carbon emissions and saving householders money. Discusses the micro CHP systems currently and soon to be available in the UK domestic energy market, covering the two main types of system: stirling engines and fuel cells. Details the carbon emissions that stirling engine systems can deliver when compared with a condensing boiler. Illustrates a micro CHP stirling engine and explains how it works.

Cope, Helen

Click to access full text: [A19268](#)

### **A job well done (tackling worklessness), IN Inside Housing, 12 Dec 2008, pp42-43,45**

Journal article.

2008

Pages: 3

Sets out the best approach for landlords to tackle worklessness. Explains that the solution lies in trying to make sure that housing and employment and skills services are interlinked. Suggests that all procurement can contribute to tackling worklessness. Briefly outlines an example of collaborative working between social landlords and the city in Liverpool.

Whitehead, Christine et al

Ref No: [B10907](#)

### Measuring housing affordability: a review of data sources

Communities and Local Government Publications, PO Box 236, Wetherby LS23 7NB

(Available on the internet at: <http://www.communities.gov.uk/nhpau/keypublications/research/measuringhousingaffordability/>)

2008

Pages: 98

Publisher's price: Unknown

Provides advice to the regions, and others working on this issue, on the quality and availability of data relating to housing affordability. Collates information on the sources of standard housing data that planning authorities can use to understand housing affordability and identifies, where possible, which data sources are the most useful and/or robust at the different spatial scales. Includes an evaluation of the strengths and weaknesses of the relevant data, sets out recommended standard national data sets and relates the use of the data to the main modelling approaches currently being used. Draws conclusions about the use of data on affordability and housing markets more broadly.

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## PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT & PROPERTY

Jones, Samuel; Holden, John

Ref No: [B10898](#)

### It's a material world: caring for the public realm

Demos, Magdalen House, 136 Tooley Street, London SE1 2TU

(Available on the internet at: <http://www.demos.co.uk/files/Material%20World%20-%20web.pdf>)

2008

Pages: 123

Publisher's price: Unknown

ISBN: 9781906693077

Explores the future of heritage conservation in the UK and argues that to survive it must involve everyone. Provides recommendations for conservators, policy makers, cultural professionals and the public. Considers the values of conservation. Outlines the UK conservation sector. Suggests that the future of conservation is currently threatened by a lack of policy attention and a low public profile. Argues that part of the solution to this low profile is that conservators must find new ways to demonstrate the connection between their work and the wider social and cultural values that caring for the material world engenders. Outlines the current contribution of conservation.

Hinds, Jeremy

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### Planning: new test for retail schemes in town centres, IN Property Week, 5 Dec 2008, p79

Journal article.

2008

Pages: 1

Discusses government proposals for a review of the requirements of planning policy statement 6 (PPS6): planning for town centres (PLANEX Ref. Y6104). Explains that the government has consulted on whether the two tests that retail proposals must pass to gain planning consent (the need for the scheme and the sequential test) should be changed. Discusses the purpose of the tests. Considers the implications of dropping the needs test and introducing a new impact test. Reports that the sequential test will stay in place as it is thought to serve a useful purpose. Notes that there is no mention within the new PPS6 about retail competitiveness, particularly with regards to the grocery sector.

Watson, Stuart

Click to access full text: [A19121](#)

### Missing pieces (Local Development Frameworks), IN Regeneration and Renewal, 5 Dec 2008, pp19,21-22

Journal article.

2008

Pages: 3

Discusses Local Development Frameworks (LDFs) and considers why they are taking so long to prepare and what can be done to improve their preparation. Reports that since the introduction of the new system, less than 11 per cent of England's local authorities have succeeded in getting their core strategy documents approved. Suggests that the problem lies with the differences between LDFs and previous strategic plans. Considers the effects of the requirement for increased amounts of public consultation at an early stage. Points to confusion that has emerged over guidance on creating LDFs. Outlines five steps to preparing a robust Local Development Framework.

Planning Aid for Scotland

Ref No: [B10784](#)

**SP=EED: Scottish Planning = Effective Engagement and Delivery - a practical guide to better public engagement in planning in Scotland**

Planning Aid for Scotland, 11A South Charlotte Street, Edinburgh EH2 4AS

(Available on the internet at: <http://www.planning-aid-scotland.org.uk/assets/File/SPEED.pdf>)

2008

Pages: 19

Publisher's price: Unknown

Offers a practical guide to involving the public in the planning system effectively. Introduces the concept of SP=EED and provides advice on three levels of engagement: giving information, consulting and listening, and partnership. For each level, identifies criteria, what that criteria's aims should be, how these can be achieved, and good practice examples.

Regeneris Consulting

Ref No: [B10835](#)

**Economic and social impacts of town centre retailing - a report for Westfield and John Lewis Partnership**

Regeneris Consulting Ltd, One Ashley Road, Altrincham, Cheshire WA14 2DT

(Available on the internet at: <http://www.regeneris.co.uk/downloads/Economic%20and%20Social%20Study%20Westfield.pdf>)

2008

Pages: 28

Publisher's price: Unknown

Reports the findings of research commissioned to assess the social, environmental, economic and regeneration benefits of large scale town centre retail-led developments. Reviews the existing evidence and examines the views of property market and regeneration practitioners. Considers three main issues: the degree to which town centre retailing employment is accessible to socially excluded residents; the nature of the retail choices provided to residents from socially disadvantaged areas from town centre developments; and the extent to which town centre retailing leads to a wider range of catalytic impacts on town/city centre vibrancy. Finds that town centre retailing employment is accessible to social excluded residents, that expanding retail activity in town centres is likely to promote retail choice for those from disadvantaged areas, and that new town centre retail development significantly adds to the strength of the local retail economy. Considers the impact of planning policy statement 6 (PPS6) and the government's proposals to reform it.

Shaftoe, Henry

Ref No: [B10901](#)

**Convivial urban spaces: creating effective public places**

Earthscan, Dunstan House, 14a St Cross Street, London EC1N 8XA

2008

Pages: 154

Publisher's price: £39.95

ISBN: 9781844073887

Discusses the creation of public spaces, focusing mainly on small-scale open spaces in towns, looking at both design and public policy aspects. Explores the purpose of public spaces, looking at issues of inclusivity, safety, and the role of children and young people. Considers what gives some places 'personality' and 'conviviality' and what lessons can be learned to help design, maintain and manage better quality built environments. Looks at the psychology of public space, aesthetics, character, influences on the use of public space, and the size, shape and types of public space. Discusses how successful public spaces can be created and sustained, with short case studies of Ciutat Vella, Barcelona; Potsdamer Platz and Marzahn, Berlin; Bristol; Padua; and York. Identifies the constituents of conviviality in urban spaces - physical, geographical, managerial, psychological and sensual.

National Audit Office

Ref No: [B10908](#)

**Planning for homes: speeding up planning applications for major housing developments in England - report by the Comptroller and Auditor General (HC 15 Session 2008-2009)**

The Stationery Office, PO Box 29, Norwich NR3 1GN

2008

Pages: 44

Publisher's price: £14.35

ISBN: 9780102954470

Examines how long it takes local authorities to decide major residential applications and the reasons for delays, and the effectiveness of Communities and Local Government's (CLG's) efforts to improve the speed of planning for housing development. Reviews the case history of 100 major residential applications (developments of more than ten homes) approved in 2006-07 by 11 authorities, providing data on how long the whole process takes. Examines the target regime CLG introduced to speed up decision-making for planning applications and its impact on major residential schemes. Reports on the Department's initiatives to improve the capacity of planning in the public sector and the development management process. Concludes that the value for money of the Department's initiatives which relate to improving the speed of decisions for housing development has been mixed. Makes five key recommendations.

Askew, Janet

Click to access full text: [A19078](#)

**The more things change (Killian-Pretty review), IN Planning, No 1798 5 Dec 2008, p10**

Journal article.

2008

Pages: 1

Discusses the latest proposals to speed up the handling of planning applications, set out in the Killian-Pretty review of development control (PLANEX Ref. B10566). Argues that while the proposals offer some useful solutions, some procedures face a spell of consultation and scrutiny before any changes will be seen. Highlights the key proposals.

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## SOCIAL SERVICES

Stalker, Kirsten

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**Local area co-ordination: strengthening support for people with learning disabilities in Scotland, IN British Journal of Learning Disabilities, Vol 36 No 4 Dec 2008, pp215-219**

Journal article.

2008

Pages: 5

Reports on the findings of a study which examined the introduction and implementation of local area co-ordination (LAC) in Scotland. Explains that LAC is a person-centred method of support which enables people with learning disabilities and their families to engage with the local community and have more control over their own care and support. Discusses the background to LAC, the extent and nature of its implementation and the methodology of the LAC process. Looks at the positive outcomes for individuals and families supported by LAC.

Dunton, Jim

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**A mission to revolutionise social care, IN Local Government Chronicle, 4 Dec 2008, pp20-21**

Journal article.

2008

Pages: 2

Discusses a commission of inquiry set up by Hampshire County Council to shape its future care services and contribute to the national debate on the future of funding for adult social care. Reports that the commission has produced a comprehensive framework that aims to guarantee minimum services to residents, regardless of their means, and offer transparency in terms of entitlement and funding. Highlights the focus on preventative care and close working between councils and primary care trusts. Outlines the key recommendations made by the commission. Suggests that only so much can be done at a local level and that much depends on what is done at a national level.

Gregg, Paul

Ref No: [B10786](#)

**Realising potential: a vision for personalised conditionality and support**

The Stationery Office, PO Box 29, Norwich NR3 1GN

(Available on the internet at: <http://www.dwp.gov.uk/welfarereform/realisingpotential.pdf>)

2008

Pages: 122

Publisher's price: Unknown

ISBN: 9780101749923

Presents a review, commissioned by the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, on conditionality, that is the principle that entitlement to welfare benefits should be dependent on satisfying certain conditions. Gives an overview of the role and purpose of conditionality in the welfare to work regime. Assesses the effectiveness of the current conditionality regime. Identifies key areas of weakness in the system where improvements could be made. Sets out a vision of a more personalised conditionality and support regime. Makes recommendations on how benefit claimants should be segregated into the three groups proposed in the new system: the work-ready group, the progression to work group and the no conditionality group. Proposes a new system of sanctions for non-compliance. Looks at the current system of flexibilities for advisers and how it could be improved. Examines the best way of providing personalised support for benefit claimants in terms of work experience, childcare, job retention and skills support. Proposes the replacement of the current complicated benefits structure with a Single Working Age Benefit.

Duffy, Simon

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**Personalisation in social care, IN Consumer Policy Review, Vol 18 No 5 Sep/Oct 2008, pp132-136**

Journal article.

2008

Pages: 5

Argues for radical reform to the welfare system in the UK. Explores how the current reforms in social care are rooted in a radically different approach to social justice and welfare to those that preceded them. Reports that initial testing of these new ideas by local government and 'in Control' (a charity leading the reform of the welfare system to provide citizenship for all) have led to very positive results and the creation of new ideas like personal budgets and self directed support. Argues, however, that it is unclear whether central government is ready to fully embrace these ideas and begin the process of radically reforming the welfare system to enhance citizenship for all.

Mandelstam, Michael

Ref No: [B10793](#)

### **Safeguarding vulnerable adults and the law**

Jessica Kingsley Publishers, 116 Pentonville Road, London N1 9JB

2008

Pages: 310

Publisher's price: £19.99

ISBN: 9781843106920

Discusses the safeguarding and protection of vulnerable adults in a legal context. Considers the policy background and definitions, for terms such as abuse, harm and vulnerable adult, and how these are applied in practice to the work of local authorities and other statutory agencies. Outlines the statutory basis for the activity of local social services authorities and the range of assistance and intervention they can provide under community care legislation. Looks at NHS legislation and the range of practices which have been exposed by the Healthcare Commission, particularly in respect of older people and people with learning disabilities. Considers the regulatory legal framework designed to maintain standards generally in the provision of care, as well as the protection of Vulnerable Adults (POVA) list and the system of criminal record certificates. Sets out the Mental Capacity Act 2005. Covers a range of legally based interventions which might assist in the protection of vulnerable adults. Discusses physical and sexual harm and abuse and financial abuse. Considers the disclosure of personal information and confidentiality and summarises some key legal rules. Looks at procedural aspects of protecting and safeguarding vulnerable adults.

Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF)

Ref No: [B10893](#)

### **The children's plan: one year on - progress report**

Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF)

(Available on the internet at: <http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/oneyearon/ae/uploads/documents/progress.pdf>)

2008

Pages: 220

Publisher's price: Unknown

ISBN: 9781847753137

Reports on the progress that has been made in 2008 towards the ambitions set out in the children's plan last year. Discusses the progress made under the Every Child Matters framework which promotes children's health and wellbeing. Looks at what is being done to safeguard children from physical injury and abuse. Sets out a range of actions which have been taken to ensure children and young people can benefit from world class early years settings, schools and training. Examines how the government plans to support children and young people in playing a positive role in their local communities. Looks at the main commitments and priorities for children's services in 2009.

White, Sue

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### **The shortfalls of IT in children's services, IN Community Care, No 1751 11 Dec 2008, pp22-23**

Journal article.

2008

Pages: 2

Reports on research into the Integrated Children's System, examining how the human and technological parts of the process interact in practice. Identifies some of the systemic weaknesses in the process. Discusses the problem of mismatch between locally devised methods of organising incoming work and the requirements imposed by the new system. Suggests that lack of flexibility in the system appears to have curtailed professional discretion and argues that the design of IT systems needs to be based on the needs of staff and their working practices.

Siebelt, Lindsay; Morrison, Elizabeth; Cruickshank, Cheryl-Ann

Ref No: [B10834](#)

### **Caring about success: young people's stories**

Who Cares? Scotland, 1st Floor, 5 Oswald Street, Glasgow G1 4QR

2008

Pages: 56

Publisher's price: Unknown

ISBN: 9781872172996

Reports on a series of consultations with young people in care on what constitutes success in life and the barriers they face. Examines: how children and young people perceived and experienced success; how they defined their own successes and those of others they considered to be successful; what their expectations and experiences were of their achievements being encouraged, recognised and celebrated; who children and young people said helped them to succeed; what kinds of supports they found helpful; what they saw as barriers to success; how they visualised their future; and what would help them better to succeed. Makes recommendations for government based on the views and experiences of the young people.

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## TRANSPORT & INFRASTRUCTURE

British Chambers of Commerce

Ref No: [B10900](#)

### The congestion question: a business transport survey

British Chambers of Commerce, 65 Petty France, St James's Park, London SW1H 9EU

(Available on the internet at: [http://www.britishchambers.org.uk/6798219244790033732/Transport\\_Survey\\_2008.pdf](http://www.britishchambers.org.uk/6798219244790033732/Transport_Survey_2008.pdf))

2008

Pages: 30

Presents the British Chambers of Commerce annual transport survey for 2008 looking at the impact of transport on the needs of business. Suggests that congestion is driving up operating costs by £5.7 billion, that a third runway should be built at Heathrow and that the timeline needs to be accelerated. Finds that business supports a high-speed north-south rail link and faster planning processes. Highlights the need for a long-term strategy that is prepared to take drastic action to improve and upgrade transport networks. Indicates that 78 per cent of businesses would support the principle of road pricing, but only if public transport and road infrastructure were clearly improved as a result. Suggests that employers are increasingly willing to implement policies that allow staff to work from home and take advantage of technological advances.

Warren, Jolin

Ref No: [B10772](#)

### Towards a healthier economy: why investing in sustainable transport makes economic sense

Transform Scotland Trust, 5 Rose Street, Edinburgh EH2 2PR

(Available on the internet at: <http://www.transformscotland.org.uk/GetFile.aspx?Itemid=108>)

2008

Pages: 24

Publisher's price: Unknown

Argues that investing in sustainable transport makes good economic sense for Scotland. Finds that there could be up to £4 billion of economic benefits, if there was a modal shift towards cycling. Calls for the Scottish Transport Appraisal Guidance (STAG) to be revised to include the direct economic benefits that can accrue from improved health due to cycling and walking. Indicates that a mode share of 13 per cent for cycling could represent up to £2 billion a year in benefits plus other positive impacts to the economy, arising from decreased mortality rates. Identifies some of the negative health impacts of transport, such as air pollution and noise pollution. Calls for the Scottish Government to publish an annual balance sheet for tourism, after finding evidence that in 2004, Scotland lost over £1 billion from tourism.

Jacobs UK et al

Ref No: [B10836](#)

### Strategic transport projects review: report 4 - summary report

Transport Scotland, Buchanan House, 58 Port Dundas Road, Glasgow G4 0HF

(Available on the internet at: <http://www.transportscotland.gov.uk/reports/publications-and-guidance/road/j10194c-00.htm>)

2008

Pages: 144

Publisher's price: Unknown

Presents the outcomes of the Strategic Transport Projects Review (STPR), which aimed to define the most appropriate investment in Scotland's national transport infrastructure. Explains the background to the STPR and outlines the key strategic transport issues that have been identified by the review process. Describes the transport investments which have been found to most effectively support the Scottish Government's aspirations. Summarises the 29 interventions identified and notes the contribution they make to government policies, the current status of the project, indicative costs and deliverability.

Forster, Andrew

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### Speed limits and smarter choices: the route to lower CO2 emissions?, IN Local Transport Today, No 509 12 Dec 2008-5 Jan 2009, p9

Journal article.

2008

Pages: 1

Extracts the key transport messages from the Committee on Climate Change's report on the first three carbon budgets: 'Building a low-carbon economy: the UK's contribution to tackling climate change' (executive summary available at PLANEX Ref. B10694). Outlines what the Committee recommends in its report and where it foresees the biggest reductions on emissions coming from over the next 20 years.

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## URBAN & RURAL REGENERATION

Shared Intelligence

Ref No: [B10800](#)

### **Delivering succession strategies: some lessons from the New Deal for Communities Programme**

Communities and Local Government Publications, PO Box 236, Wetherby LS23 7NB

(Available on the internet at: <http://www.communities.gov.uk/documents/communities/pdf/1086563.pdf>)

2008

Pages: 52

Publisher's price: Unknown

ISBN: 9781409808275

Reviews the experiences of New Deal for Communities (NDC) Partnerships in developing appropriate arrangements for succession as they approach the end of their 10-year grant-funded period. Explains the background to succession planning within the programme and why it is an important issue to address. Draws on detailed case studies of six partnerships and more general research with a further fifteen NDCs to explore the variety of approaches they are taking to finding sustainable ways to continue supporting change in their neighbourhoods. Looks at the types of activity that NDCs were intending to sustain and how they were planning to do it. Identifies practical considerations and lessons for delivering succession plans and managing the transition from the existing programme to new arrangements.

Dickinson, Scott, et al; SQW Consulting

Ref No: [B10799](#)

### **Tackling worklessness in NDC areas: a policy and practice update - some lessons from the New Deal for Communities Programme**

Communities and Local Government Publications, PO Box 236, Wetherby LS23 7NB

(Available on the internet at: <http://www.communities.gov.uk/documents/communities/pdf/1086559.pdf>)

2008

Pages: 43

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ISBN: 9781409808022

Explores lessons from four New Deal for Communities (NDC) areas' efforts to tackle worklessness. Outlines the background to the four case study areas - Shoreditch (London), Kensington (Liverpool), Hyson Green (Nottingham) and Greets Green (Sandwell) - and describes the progress in tackling worklessness that they achieved. Examines the problems encountered in the four areas and the projects that have aimed to tackle them. Discusses the role of partnership working in the NDCs and summarises the critical success factors for local initiatives tackling worklessness. Looks at the issues still causing concern for the NDCs. Identifies issues that policymakers need to consider when developing policies to tackle worklessness in the future.

Aiken, Mike; Cairns, Ben; Thake, Stephen

Ref No: [B10796](#)

### **Community ownership and management of assets**

Joseph Rowntree Foundation, The Homestead, 40 Water End, York YO30 6WP

(Available on the internet at: <http://www.jrf.org.uk/bookshop/details.asp?pubID=1042>)

2008

Pages: 50

Publisher's price: Unknown

Reviews evidence on community organisations owning or managing assets, including buildings and land. Provides an overview of UK policy and funding initiatives relating to community ownership or management of assets. Discusses the benefits of community ownership and management of assets. Looks at the risks and barriers involved in asset ownership. Presents perspectives from practitioners in the field of community ownership and management of assets. Briefly reviews international perspectives from Poland, Sweden, Germany, Italy and the United States. Discusses the differences in the assets agenda in the four countries of the UK. Presents proposals on ways to address the gaps in evidence.

Palmer, Guy; MacInnes, Tom; Kenway, Peter

Ref No: [B10771](#)

### **Monitoring poverty and social exclusion 2008**

Joseph Rowntree Foundation, The Homestead, 40 Water End, York YO30 6WP

(Available on the internet at: <http://www.jrf.org.uk/bookshop/eBooks/2315-society-poverty-exclusion.pdf>)

2008

Pages: 110

Publisher's price: Unknown

ISBN: 9781859356876

Presents the tenth annual report on poverty and social exclusion in the UK. Explores the impact of policy and the economy on poverty and social exclusion indicators of health and wellbeing. Examines the issues under a number of broad themes including money, children, young adults, working age adults, older people and community. Suggests that the indicators paint a picture of stagnation and little progress on many fronts. Reports that child poverty levels remain broadly the same as in 2003. Identifies where improvement has stalled, become undone, deteriorated, or just not changed. (Summary available, see PLANEX Ref. A19165.)

Skerratt, Sarah et al

Ref No: [B10791](#)

**Community facilities in rural Scotland: a study of their use, provision and condition (Research findings no 4/2008)**

Scottish Government

(Available on the internet at: <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/Doc/253868/0075221.pdf>)

2008

Pages: 3

Publisher's price: Unknown

ISBN: 9780755973521

Summarises the findings of research into rural community facilities (RCFs) in Scotland. Looks at the current position and condition of RCFs and assesses the level and nature of these community hubs. Briefly describes RCFs and background to the project. Summarises the main findings in relation to: the condition and maintenance of the buildings; ownership; management and governance; user populations; and facility uses. Identifies a number of recurrent themes in relation to sharing of best practice, RCFs as public service venues, location, buildings investment, and advice and support. Suggests that these may have implications for policy and practice.

Regeneris Consulting

Ref No: [B10899](#)

**LEGI update report**

Communities and Local Government Publications, PO Box 236, Wetherby, West Yorkshire LS23 7NB

(Available on the internet at: <http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/communities/legiupdate>)

2008

Pages: 17

Publisher's price: Unknown

ISBN: 9781409808947

Reviews the initial development phase of the Local Enterprise Growth Initiative (LEGI) programme in terms of delivery and progress towards key objectives. Examines output performance to date across Round One LEGI partnerships. Reports on year one outputs, expenditure, expected year two outputs, the impact of LEGI, delivery progress, and the value added by LEGI. Discusses the challenges facing integration, particularly within Local Area Agreements. Assesses the outlook over the ten-year planning horizon.

Butter, Ian

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**Planning system wastes rural assets (creating sustainable settlements), IN Regeneration and Renewal, 12 Dec 2008, p12**

Journal article.

2008

Pages: 1

Suggests that the planning system is having a negative impact on rural regeneration opportunities. Argues that the problem lies in local interpretations of sustainability, with many councils viewing rural development as unsustainable in principle, and that this approach is now being reflected in the recently adopted regional spatial strategies. Questions why such an approach is being pursued when there is increasing emphasis on encouraging the development of affordable rural housing. Points to the regeneration of Broughton Hall in Skipton, Yorkshire as an example of the refurbishment of a listed and new-build workspace, which is now sustaining a thriving rural workforce. Makes the case for using dormant rural building assets to revitalise the rural built environment and local employment at the same time.

Emanuel, Judith; Hill, Eleanor

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**Helping to turn dreams into reality (appreciative inquiry as a tool for engagement), IN New Start, 5 Dec 2008, pp20-22**

Journal article.

2008

Pages: 2

Publisher's price: Unknown

Explains how one approach to engagement has helped develop new ways to tackle health inequalities in Stockport. Introduces appreciative inquiry (AI) as an organisational development tool to help foster engagement in regeneration and briefly explains what the process involves. Looks at how AI was used successfully by Stockport Primary Care Trust (PCT) and reports on the benefits perceived by those involved. Explains how AI links to current policies relating to performance measurement by documenting the process and results. Highlights some of the challenges faced by Stockport in mainstreaming AI as a method for consultation and adopting a solution-focused approach.

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