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# Scotland's Big Picture

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# The Scottish Government National Transport Strategy

*“A transport system fit for the 21st century that provides everyone with integrated, modern, reliable and environmentally efficient transport choices.”*

- Invested over £8.3 billion in transport since 2007
- Cutting journey times and transport emissions
- Improving quality, accessibility and affordability
- Directly supporting over 12,000 jobs

# The Scottish Government Climate change

*By 2050 Scotland will have a largely de-carbonised transport sector – and we will have made significant progress towards this by 2030.*

- The E-Cosse partnership
- Aberdeen Hydrogen project, Cycling Action Plan for Scotland, ...
- Wider infrastructure investment
- Borders Railway – opens 2014, 60,000 peak trips off roads each year

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## Air Quality

- 30 air quality management areas in Scotland – 26 due to transport
- Scottish Transport Emissions Partnership (STEP)
- Low Emissions Zone Summit event in July

# The Scottish Government Buses

- Around 80% of journeys made by public transport
- £¼ billion a year to support the network and concessionary travel
- Plus LA spend on supported services
- *Scottish Green Bus Fund* – £7.7 million since 2010, 94 new low carbon buses
- *New Bus Investment Fund* – £3m/yr – Expressions of interest by end May

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## Low carbon vehicles

- Technologies – battery, hydrogen fuel cell etc – in cars, vans, HGVs & buses
- Sustainable biofuels derived from waste materials - Task Force reporting later this year
- Importance of fleet operators
- Forthcoming EV Roadmap – *E-cosse*

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## Eco driving

- Training for safe and fuel efficient driving for HGV and van
- ~£200 per driver, 1 day long, typically saves 10% fuel
- Saving over £2,000 per HGV driver per year and £500 per van driver per year
- Counts towards the Driver Certificate of Professional Competence
- Edinburgh & Falkirk Councils – ECOSTARS

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## Zero waste

- Designing waste out of the system
- “Re-use”, “Remanufacturing” or “Recycling”
- Potentially valuable materials in LA waste collections
- Waste Scotland Regulations – step change
- Low base but now driving real change
- Long term financial benefits for Scottish Councils
- 70% recycling target could save LAs ~£187 million by 2025



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## Finance & Performance

- 2007-08 to 2012-13 – Local government budget up 8.9% compared with 6.4% for SG
- 2011 Spending Review maintained LAs' revenue
- Total SG funding for LAs total funding over £10.3 bn
- Continued council tax freeze
- LAs responsible for own performance – benchmarking, improvement, reporting

# The Scottish Government Community Planning & SOAs

- COSLA / SG review - clear vision for the future, actions to strengthen CP
- Joint National Community Planning Group
- New SOAs – focus – transformational change – early intervention and prevention
- Partnership – all local public services – involving private and voluntary sectors
- Better outcomes, preventing problems before they happen

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## Conclusions

- Former Councillor and Council Leader
- Importance of local government
- SG working in partnership with councils for a better Scotland
- Thank you
- Any questions?