

# Place, Wellbeing and Housing

**SURF Workshop**

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**SFHA is the membership  
body for, and collective voice  
of, housing associations and  
co-operatives in Scotland.**

# Key facts

**1.2m**

people live in social housing in Scotland



**48%**

live in HA and Co-op homes

Affordable homes

**281k+ homes**

Thriving sector...

**Over 12,000**

staff work for housing associations and co-operatives

**4.1**

jobs (FTE) created per home built



**137**

housing associations and co-operative across Scotland are SFHA members

A strong collective voice

**91%**  
of the sector

Engaged membership



**20**

online member forums



**120**

hours of online event content in 2020/2021



**£7bn**

Our sector has more than doubled government investment (£3.2 billion) in the current housing programme with private investment, delivering around £7 billion investment overall.

# Housing to 2040

*"Housing to 2040 is Scotland's first ever long-term national housing strategy with a vision for what we want housing to look like and how it will be provided to the people of Scotland, no matter where they live and what point in their life they are in. We want to ensure housing in 2040 will support people to live in homes they want to live in which are affordable and meet their needs".*



# Tackling Poverty & Inequality

- 46% of people living in social housing across the UK live in poverty
- 1 in 5 children in Scotland live in poverty
- However, Scottish rates of poverty are lower than Wales & England
- Sector role in support and prevention  
e.g. Queen's Cross HA



# Climate Emergency & Net Zero

- Homes and buildings account for around a fifth of Scotland's total GHG emissions
- Social housing already has the highest standards of energy efficiency in Scotland
- Estimated costs of retrofitting – c. £2bn vs. 24% reduction in fuel poverty
- What are the trade offs?





# Delivering & Managing Affordable Homes

- 110,000 home target broadly in line with known need
- Significant impact of supply chain challenges, Brexit, COVID etc.
- Attracting private investment
- Renewed focus on place and regeneration



# Final Reflections

- Scotland faces huge challenges on poverty, climate and COVID recovery, but housing will be at the heart of the recovery
- Housing associations will play a key role in delivering sustainable places with wellbeing at their heart
- To what extent are housing associations recognised as key agents of economic change?
- What will the future focus on place and wellbeing from government mean locally?
- How will we define economic success in a “Wellbeing Economy”?



# Questions & Discussion

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