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Section 1 Anchor

Section 1: Our assessment of the importance of housing for wellbeing in Scotland

- Q.1. Has our assessment of housing and wellbeing missed any important benefits and, if so, which benefits and what is the evidence for this?:
In addition to wellbeing (usually subjective), neighbourhoods, individual health conditions and urinary concentrations of environmental chemicals could be included for consideration as well. These might help support the need of improved housing for all residents. There have been scientific publications using Scottish, British or American data documenting this.
- Q.2. Has our assessment exaggerated any of the benefits of housing for wellbeing and, if so, in what respects and what are your reasons for saying this?:
It seems to be fine to me.

Section 2 Anchor

Section 2: Does Scotland invest enough in housing?

- Q.3. Do you agree with our assessment of the current position on investment in housing?:
Yes, but I was not sure of the term "social landlord". A better way could be including epidemiologists and designers together. There has been building engineering epidemiology framework published (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Building_engineering_epidemiology).
- Q.4. Do you agree with our brief assessment of current policy on investment in housing?:
Yes, the timing of purchasing and selling properties could be taken into account as well.
- Q.5. Do you agree with our suggestions for further action in the area of investment in housing?:
n/a
- Q.6. Do you have any other suggestions:
Moreover, is it necessary for people buy and sell properties making housing prices up and down...? Could there be a new scheme to ensure

that we have not mentioned in relation to investment in housing?: everyone with a place to live?

Section 3 Anchor

Section 3: Getting a better fit between housing and the economy

- Q.7. Do you agree with our assessment of the current position regarding housing and the economy? What more would you add?: Yes
- Q.8. Do you agree with our assessment of the current situation of UK Government policy with regards to the housing market and the economy?: Yes
- Q.9. What are your views about the five areas of policy reforms suggested here?: n/a

Section 4 Anchor

Section 4: Getting a better fit between housing and welfare policy

- Q.10. Do you agree with our assessment of the current position regarding housing and welfare benefits? What more would you add?: Yes
- Q.11. Do you agree with our assessment of the current situation of government policy at UK levels and the possible outcomes post-referendum? What more would you add?: Yes
- Q.12. What are your views about the medium term policy options presented here? What other ideas and issues strike you over this time frame?: Could there be a new scheme to ensure everyone with a place to live and people don't have to worry the dramatic housing prices up and down when buying and selling? For example, everyone could rent from the government and the rent could be used as council tax... just an idea.
- Q.13. Do you agree Yes, we could try.

that we have a unique opportunity to consider longer term policy options over the next key period in Scotland's history? How do you respond to the options proposed here? Are there other options that should be considered?:

Section 5 Anchor

Section 5: Getting a better fit between housing and the environment

- Q.14. Do you agree with our assessment of the importance of housing to the environment?:

Yes, and reducing the use of cars could be also considered at the same time.
- Q.15. Do you agree with our brief assessment of current policy on housing in relation to the environment?:

Yes
- Q.16. Do you agree with our suggestions for further action in the area of housing and the environment?:

Yes, however, demolishing and replacing the existing housing could be set every 35 years or so since some scientific literature has shown how old housing could have contained environment chemicals releasing indoors.
- Q.17. Do you have other suggestions that we have not mentioned in relation to housing and the environment?:

n/a

Section 6 Anchor

Section 6: Housing and Health and Education

- Q.18. Do you agree with our on our assessment of the importance of housing to health and education?:

Yes, and some scientific publications should be cited for people to read and agree on the new proposal of housing improvement.
- Q.19. Do you agree with our brief assessment of current policy on housing and health and education?:

Yes, but some specifics should be provided. For example, sunshine volume and vitamin D on housing,
- Q.20. Do you agree with our suggestions for further action in the area of housing

Yes

and health and education?:

- Q.21. Do you have other suggestions which we have not mentioned in relation to housing and health and education?:
1. no homeless in Scotland
2. adequate access to green space in each neighbourhood

Section 7 Anchor

Section 7: Housing and Community Regeneration

- Q.22. Do you agree with our on our assessment of the importance of community regeneration?: Yes
- Q.23. Do you agree with our brief assessment of current policy on community regeneration?: Yes
- Q.24. Do you agree with our suggestions for further action in the area of community regeneration?: Yes
- Q.25. Do you have other suggestions which we have not mentioned in relation to community regeneration?:
Recently, there have been growing scientific publications in this area that could be used to support such movement.

Section 8 Anchor

Section 8: Do we need a more robust private rented sector?

- Q.26. Do you agree with our views on the need for a more effective private rented sector which can make a greater contribution to meeting housing needs?: Yes
- Q.27. Do you agree with our brief assessment of current policy on the private rented sector?: Yes
- Q.28. Do you agree with our suggestions for further action in the private rented sector?: Yes

- Q.29. Do you have other suggestions which we have not mentioned in relation to the private rented sector?:
- Do you have any further comments in relation to the Commission on Housing and Wellbeing's consultation paper?:
Waste management does not seem to be mentioned...

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