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SHAPING THE FUTURE: Content



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Strategic Planning framework

Climate change

Economic development

Housing

Spatial planning skills

Conclusions

SHAPING THE FUTURE: Key Facts on Wales



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Population:	3 million
Unitary Authorities:	22 from 60 -300,000 pop.
National Parks:	3
Protected Landscapes:	25%
Government	Labour and Plaid Cymru Coalition May 2007 – May 2011

SHAPING THE FUTURE: Legislative Framework



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European: regulations & directives

UK Government: primary powers England
& Wales

Welsh Assembly: - limited primary powers relating to
development plans etc
- secondary powers mostly
devolved



Wales spatial plan

Planning Policy Wales & Technical Advice Notes

Regional plans & strategies, eg transport, waste

Sub regional collaborative working

Informs LPAs' local development plans



Planning Policy Wales – consolidation June 2010

Onshore wind energy – renewable energy planning policy
& TAN 8
- PDR's for microgeneration

Other renewables – Land Use Consultants research
- AECOM Toolkit for LPAs

Sustainable buildings policy – minimum standards using
Code for S Homes & BREEAM
-TAN 22 implementation advice

Home improvements – guide for householders

SHAPING THE FUTURE: Economic Recovery



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- Planning should support the economy
- Review of the planning application process: Grimley Report
- Welsh Assembly's response to 16 recommendations
- Publication of economic renewal programme expected in July

SHAPING THE FUTURE: Housing



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Population & household projections

Local housing market assessments

Housing land availability studies

S106 Agreement & potential CIL

SHAPING THE FUTURE: Spatial Planning Skills



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Awareness of place

Communication skills

Ability to think strategically

Project management skills

Managing risks

SHAPING THE FUTURE: Conclusions



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- Planning a key tool in delivering sustainable development & climate change
- Since devolution focus has been on policy development
- Implementation issues now paramount
- Need to be realistic about what planning can do