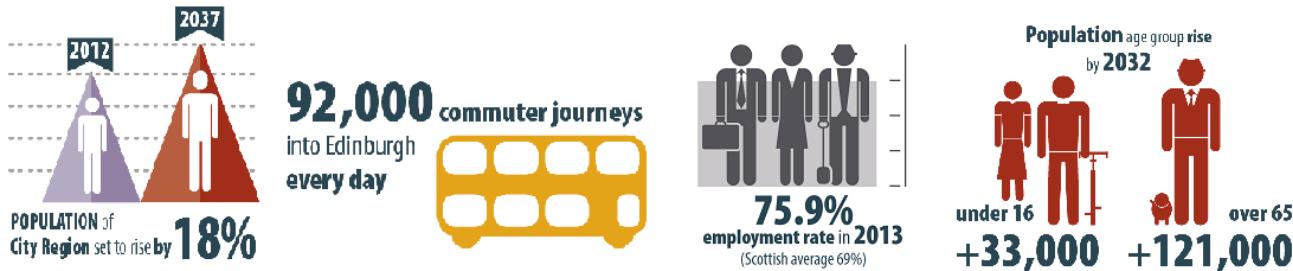




Jobs, Homes and Investment: Where, Why and How?

Main Issues Report Consultation is halfway through



The impact population, household and economic growth will have on our countryside, infrastructure and communities is explored in the SESplan Main Issues Report. With the second largest population growth in Scotland predicted by 2037 (220,000 more people and 25% more homes) there will be significant implications for wherever this new development is accommodated in the region.

SESplan launched the public consultation on Main Issues Report on the 21 July 2015. The consultation aims to get as many people as possible interested in the future of the region and commenting on the issues. The Main Issues Report asks key questions, the answers to which will shape the way our region looks, feels and functions for decades to come. The Main Issues Report represents your chance to influence the second strategic plan for the region.

As the consultation is gathering pace a range of events are taking place in the region and SESplan are encouraging people to come along to consultation events in their area to find out more. Events include:

Community Events

Aimed at Community Councils, Community Groups and anyone looking to engage in discussions about the Main Issues Report. These events feature an introduction on what SESplan is and what the Main Issues are followed by workshop based discussion. Please let SESplan know if you want to attend contactus@sesplan.gov.uk.

- **Thursday 20 August** Community Event: Burg Halls, Linlithgow 6-8pm
- **Monday 24 August** Community Event: St Thomas Church Hall, Glasgow Road, Corstorphine, Edinburgh 6-8pm

- **Wednesday 26 August** Community Event: Scottish Borders Council, Council Chamber, Newtown Street, Duns 6.30-8.30pm
- **Thursday 27 August** Community Event: Waverley Court, East Market Street, Edinburgh 6-8pm
- **Tuesday 1 September** Community Event: Bathgate Partnership Centre 6-8pm
- **Wednesday 2 September** Community Event: Portobello Town Hall, Portobello High Street, Edinburgh 6-8pm
- **Wednesday 2 September** Community Event: Fife House, Glenrothes 6-8pm
- **Thursday 3 September** Community Event: Waverley Court, East Market Street, Edinburgh 6-8pm
- **Monday 7 September** Community Event: Gibson Craig Hall, Currie 6-8pm
- **Tuesday 8 September** Community Event: Scottish Borders Council, Council Chamber, Council Headquarters, Newtown St Boswells 6.30-8.30pm
- **Wednesday 9 September** Community Event: Business Centre, City Chambers, Edinburgh 6-8pm
- **Thursday 10 September** Community Event: Scottish Borders Council, Council Chamber, Rosetta Road, Peebles 6.30-8.30pm
- **Wednesday 16 September** Midlothian Federation of Community Councils, Middleton Village Hall, Midlothian 7pm

Drop-in Events

Aimed at everyone who wants to find out a bit more about the Main Issues and have a chat with officers. Come along at any time on the time and date shown. No prior confirmation required.

- **Thursday 20 August** Public Drop-In Event: Dunfermline City Chambers, Fife 3-7pm
- **Monday 14 September** Public Drop-In Event: Inverkeithing Civic Centre, Fife 3-7pm
- **Wednesday 16 September** Public Drop-In Event: Lasswade High School, Bonnyrigg 3-7pm
- **Thursday 17 September** Public Drop-In Event: City of Edinburgh, Faith Mission Hall, Gilmerton, Edinburgh 3-7pm

Seminar Theme Events

Events about the wider challenges and solutions rather than about SESplan and the Main Issues Report itself; these three events are aimed at the development industry, investors, house builders, social housing providers and those with interests in active travel, energy, town centres or green infrastructure. Advance booking essential though contactus@sesplan.gov.uk.

- **Friday 4 September** 'A Place for Communities' seminar event: Chartered Institute of Housing, Edinburgh 9.30am-1pm.

Featuring presentations on placemaking in a capital city region; looking beyond housing numbers: the future of town centres: areen networks and the coordination of housing delivery

with infrastructure provision. Speakers include Craig McLaren, Director RTPI Scotland; Malcolm Fraser, Director Malcolm Fraser Architects; Nicola Barclay, Director of Planning Homes for Scotland and Diarmuid Lawlor, Architecture+Design Scotland

- **Tuesday 8 September** 'A Place to do Business' seminar event: Scottish Enterprise, Apex House, Edinburgh 1.30-5pm.

Featuring presentations on developing the city deal; growth sectors; economic vision in the city region; the visitor economy and the future of renewables. Speakers include Graham Birse, Edinburgh Napier University; Dr Andy Kerr, Executive Director, Edinburgh Centre for Carbon Innovation (ECCI); Chris Greenwood, Head of Research, Visit Scotland; Martin Wight, Manager Strategy and Economics, Scottish Enterprise and Ian Johnson, Head of Communities and Economy, Midlothian Council.

- **Monday 14 September** 'A Better Connected Place' seminar event: City Chambers, Edinburgh 9am-12pm

Featuring presentations on city deal, the challenges and plans for the regional transport network, delivering infrastructure and active travel. Speakers include Fiona Clandillon, Rydens; Neil Langhorn, Active and Sustainable Transport Team leader, Transport Scotland; Keith Winter, Executive Director, Enterprise and Environment, Fife Council; John Hamilton, Winchburgh Developments/Scottish Property Federation and Alex Macaulay, SEStran

More Information

All events are free but some require advance notification or booking. SESplan can be contacted during office hours: contactus@sesplan.gov.uk, [01506 282883](tel:01506282883) or on Facebook and Twitter @sesplan.

Formal responses to the Main Issues Report will be accepted until 5pm on Wednesday 30th September on the consultation portal sesplan.objective.co.uk/portal. For an introduction to the report please read our [Easy Read Guide](#) or download the [Main Issues Report](#) in full.

