


REPORT

To: HOUSING COMMITTEE		Subject: SCOTTISH NATIONAL HOUSING AND TOWN PLANNING COUNCIL
From: DIRECTOR OF HOUSING		
Date: 22 NOVEMBER 1995	Ref: GSW/MR	

I attach for Committee's consideration a copy letter from the Scottish National Housing and Town Planning Council received on 16 October with details in relation to the organisation itself and its programmes.

The aim and objectives of the SNHTPC are extremely worthwhile and most Scottish Local Authorities are currently members. I would, therefore, recommend that Committee agrees in principle to the Council becoming members, subject to further approval of the subscription after details are provided by the SNHTPC.

It should be noted that since the organisation overlaps with the Planning function, I have discussed the matter with the Director of Planning and Development who will report on similar lines to his Committee.



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Dear Convenor

The Scottish National Housing and Town Planning Council has been in existence since 1911 with the object of enlisting the interest and support of local authorities and others in securing adequate housing provision of good standards throughout Scotland and to encourage the highest standards in town and country planning, the redevelopment of towns and cities and the improvement of the environment. The Council also represents Scottish opinion in relation to Government proposals dealing with housing and town planning and now has developed links with appropriate European agencies.

The Council does not represent any vested interest. Through its activities the Council encourages elected members to become aware of good practice throughout Scotland with a particular emphasis on a joint approach to housing and planning focusing on the community rather than from a housing or planning professional point of view.

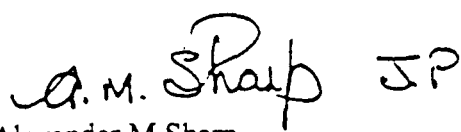
Since its inception, the Constitution has been changed as necessary to take account of changed circumstances, particularly in the field of local government. The Constitution is again under review due to the current re-organisation in local government in Scotland. The aims and objects of the Council are still the same, as they are as relevant to today's issues as they were when the Council was established. A copy of our leaflet "Aims and Priorities" is enclosed for your information.

A majority of local authorities in Scotland have always been in membership of the Council. I sincerely hope that the new authorities will all become members as I have no doubt that the need for the existence of the Council will become even more important in the future in order to give balanced comment to Government and practical advice to its members.

I shall therefore be grateful if you would submit this letter to your Council with a view to becoming members of the Scottish National Housing and Town Planning Council.

It would be helpful if I could have a reply, even a decision in principle, at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely


Alexander M Sharp
Chairman.



1996 Membership

Please tick appropriate box

My Council would be interested in becoming members of the Scottish National Housing and Town Planning Council. Please send me subscription details.

My Council may be interested in becoming members of the Scottish National Housing and Town Planning Council. Please send me more details as soon as possible.

My Council is not interested in becoming members of the Scottish National Housing and Town Planning Council because:

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WHAT IS THE SCOTTISH NATIONAL HOUSING AND TOWN PLANNING COUNCIL ?

SNHITPC is a voluntary organisation with the following objectives:-

- To secure adequate housing provision of quality
- To encourage the highest standards in physical and spatial planning
- To secure the highest environmental standards
- To encourage local and community involvement
- To inform the public and decision makers of the important issues concerning the above.

THROUGHOUT SCOTLAND THE SNHITPC ACTS AS

- A lobbying organisation on behalf of decision makers in all sectors involved in Scotland's Housing and Town and Country Planning.
- A forum for the exchange of practical experience and ideas.
- A network of contacts spanning a wide range of organisations.

HOW DOES THE SNHITPC CARRY OUT ITS WORK ?

- An executive committee meets 5 times a year to determine policy matters and to respond to consultation papers on behalf of the SNHITPC.
- An annual conference is held to act as a forum for all members.
- The executive committee meets in different parts of Scotland in order to determine at first hand the issues affecting each area.

HOW CAN YOU OR YOUR ORGANISATION BECOME INVOLVED ?

If you share our commitment to the aims set out in this pamphlet and agree with our priorities you are encouraged to join us.

There are four categories of membership:-

1. ORGANISATIONS

This applies to private companies, organisations that represent groupings of companies, trade unions, or professions.

2. ASSOCIATES

This applies to private companies to enable participation in exhibitions related to SNHITPC activities

3. LOCAL AUTHORITIES

4. INDIVIDUALS


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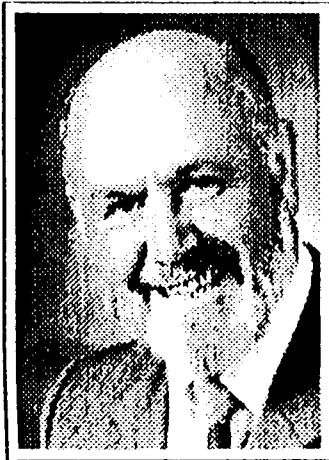
AIMS AND PRIORITIES

INTRODUCTION

The next years are going to be years of considerable challenge to those involved in decisions concerning Scotland's future Housing, Planning and Environment. Not only are there changes facing the very structure of government in Scotland but also there are going to be enormous changes facing Scotland as part of Europe.

This pamphlet sets out to explain the Scottish National Council's unique and important role over the next few years and to set out what it sees as its priorities.

A. M. Sharp JP



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AIMS

- 1. To foster the integration of planning, housing and environmental matters to the benefit of the people of Scotland.*
- 2. To encourage co-operation between the public and private sectors.*
- 3. To encourage co-operation between all professional groups and interests.*
- 4. To encourage local approaches to local issues within a Scottish framework.*
- 5. To ensure a Scottish perspective on housing and planning matters at an international level.*

PRIORITIES

- To encourage the provision of affordable housing*
- To increase involvement in European matters*
- To encourage an increased awareness of environmental issues and imperatives*
- To increase the role and profile of the Council*
- To encourage an increased membership*
- To continue to develop links with other organisations*
- To respond to all Government consultation papers on relevant matters*
- To develop campaigns based on Scotland's needs*

WHO CAN BE INVOLVED ?

The SNHTPC is uniquely placed in that it represents no vested interests. Membership is open to representatives of organisations and companies who make decisions regarding the future of Housing, Planning or the Environment in Scotland. It involves local authorities, private sector building companies, professional firms, trade federations and interested individuals.

It is totally independent of any other organisation.

The Council co-operates with the National Housing and Town Planning Council for England and Wales and its regions on matters of mutual or common interest. The SNHTPC is nevertheless a separate organisation with its own agenda.

Membership currently primarily consists of chairmen of local authority housing and planning committees, directors of house building companies and housing associations.

Increasingly decision makers in the private sector are recognising the value of contributing to the work of the SNHTPC as the independent voice on Scottish Housing and Planning.