

SE Action Plan Reference Sub-Group Emerging Themes

1. Mapping what has happened to date: Improving communication on progress being made – including initiatives that have not worked as anticipated - and Actions as yet not progressed.
2. Increase opportunities for peer-to-peer learning – practitioner-to-practitioner support – i.e Community Learning Exchanges
3. Decentralisation - devolved budgets – local decision-making - local delivery (wherever possible)
4. Better linkage with other Govt departments – policies and budgets – Regeneration/Health/Sport/Tourism etc – how they can complement activity delivered via Action Plan
5. The ‘Cluttered landscape’ – SE Intermediaries is ongoing. Further reviews worthy of consideration re ‘Support agencies’; ‘social finance agencies’ etc.
6. Greater transparency and understanding on what is being funded and why? A more equitable spread of resources – perceived a being a bit ‘top down’ at the moment – be good to address this in next Action Plan.
7. Support for Mission-led orgs (private profit) should come from other Govt Depts/Agencies (Scottish Enterprise; Govt Enterprise Division; HIE etc) – as opposed to coming from SE Action Plan/TSD.
8. Local Authorities picking up on SE Strategies – but more is required to see genuine movement/progress in local public procurement activity. Need more action around engaging with commissioners LAs/NHS etc
9. Consistent level of support/resources for SENS – still not been addressed. Seems contrary to Govt rhetoric of ‘bottom up’ approaches.