

City Regions: Towards a new way of Thinking, Planning and Managing

Two-day Executive Course: 21 & 22 June 2006

Day 2 Schedule

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Session 5: Transport systems and infrastructure

- The significance of transport for functional efficiency and accessibility - proximity and mobility really matter within city regions
- The importance of external connectivity to other cities and wider markets - transport and telecommunications
- Differences between city-region road, rail, bus and air transport systems
- Accommodating changing patterns of trade and travel for business and people
- The role of other physical infrastructure and basic utilities in city-region development - water, sewerage, land supply, electricity supply etc
- Governance of city-region transport and infrastructure systems - strategic and delivery partnerships

Session 6: City-region strategic spatial planning in practice

- Bottom-up collaborative arrangements with separate executive teams
- The example of Glasgow and Clyde Valley Structure Plan Joint Committee
- Key issues of strategic capacity, leadership and trust
- Strengths and weaknesses compared with alternative governance arrangements
- Practical lessons for other city-regions and other functions

Session 7: Practical examples of city-region development

- Incentives, motivations and pressures for cross-boundary and cross-functional decision-making and co operation
- Practical examples from successful city-regions in England, continental Europe and North America
- Methods of stakeholder engagement and alignment of partners
- Strengths and weaknesses compared with alternative governance arrangements
- Practical lessons for city-regions in Scotland

Session 8: Review and reflection

- Key tensions and trade-offs in city-region policy-making (e.g. between functional efficiency, strategic effectiveness and local accountability)
- Useful analytical tools and techniques
- Practical lessons to be learnt from different planning and management arrangements - what works best and in what circumstances?
- Implications for rural economies and towns
- Relevance to different parts of Scotland