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derelict land in Scotland

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The Challenge

- Scale
- Complexity
- Duration





Why Does it Matter?

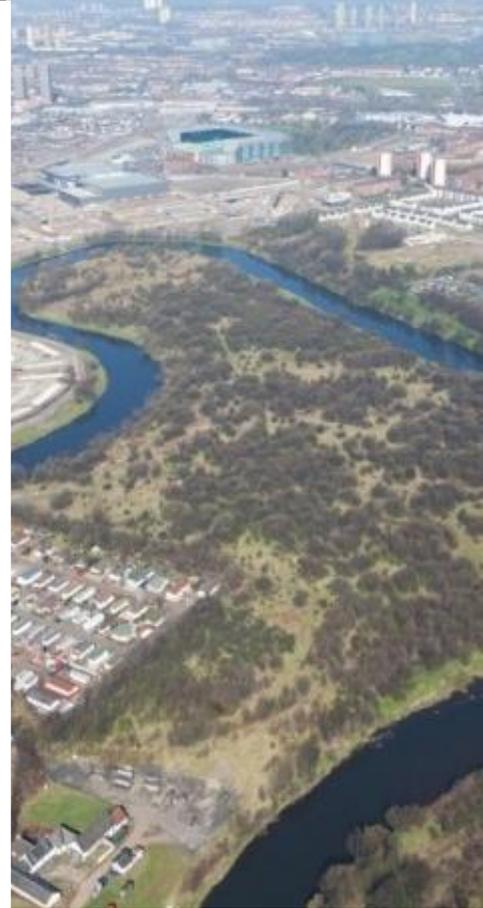
Harm – V&D sites blight communities and damage well being

Missed opportunity – tackling land dereliction can help address some of society's biggest challenges





Shettleston Growing Project



Cuningar Loop



Craigneuk Pump Track



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Three phase approach

- phase 1 - understanding the problem
- **phase 2 - demonstrating solutions**
- phase 3 - roll out and delivery



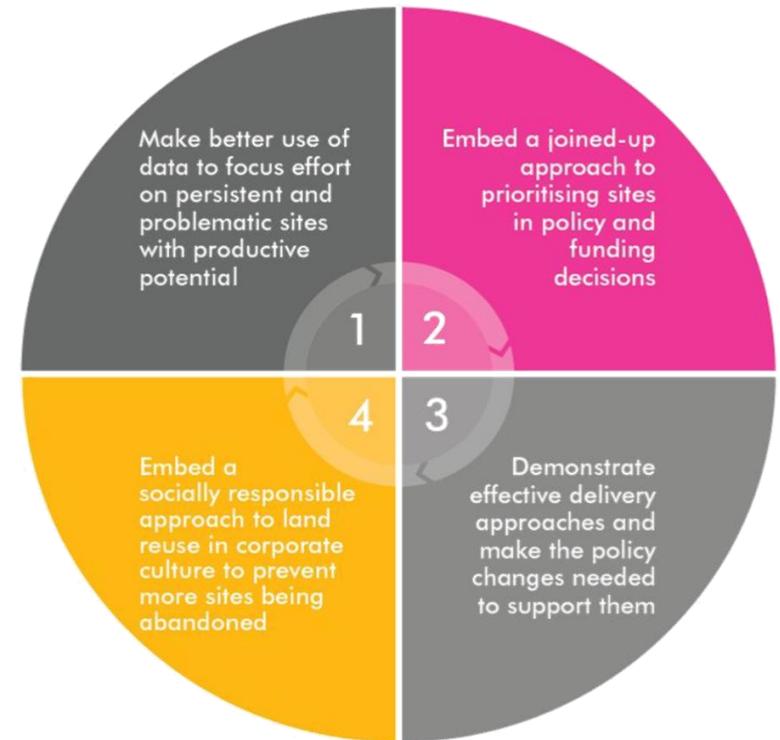
Phase One Findings

- Problem may not be as big as we thought
 - 589 DUSTEs (**D**erelict **U**rban **S**ites unused since 2000 or **E**arlier)
- Thematic approach required
- Small sites can make a big difference
- Lack of market demand = difficult choices



Strategic Priorities

1. Make better use of data to focus effort on persistent and problematic sites
2. Align funding and policy to support delivery
3. Demonstrating effective approaches to delivery
4. Embed socially responsible culture to land reuse





1) Better Use of Data

Focus

Reforming the V&DL register to focus effort on sites where we can make the greatest difference



Understand

Improving the availability and accessibility of site information to inform better decision making



Present

Making information available through a modern, map-based, publicly accessible portal of opportunity



2) Prioritise & Align

Costs & Benefits

Social

Environmental

Economic

Priorities

New approaches to appraisal and land valuation needed to reflect full costs of long-term dereliction and full benefits of productive reuse

Policy

Funding



3) Demonstrate & Learn

Demonstration Sites & Uses

Thematic approach to different types of sites and identification of characteristics that make sites suitable for different uses



Large Sites

National, multi-agency approach required

Local Sites

Build on existing experience of local authorities

Small Sites

Potential for community-led regeneration



Recommendations

For policy change & lessons for similar sites elsewhere



4) Culture Change

Prevention & Early Intervention

Embedding a socially responsible approach to land reuse in corporate culture



**Voluntary
Measures**



**Corporate Social
Responsibility**



**Compulsory
Measures**



Legislative Change



Thank You!

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Workstream 3: Demonstration

- What lessons can we learn from past experience?
 - What would you change next time round?
- How should demonstrator sites be identified?
 - What criteria should we consider?
- How can local authorities be effectively engaged in the work of the Task Force?
 - Who, when and how?