

TRANSFORMING TOWNS: DELIVERING A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE FOR LOCAL PLACES



Invest in the long-term success of towns

The Scottish National Investment Bank and the UK Government should invest tens of millions of pounds over the next decade to fund transformational regeneration projects in local towns.



Deliver smart solutions for empty units

The Scottish Government should create an empty property commission to investigate how to bring more long-term empty properties back into use.



Provide targeted tech help for high street retailers

Scottish Enterprise should create Digital Towns teams to improve the digital capabilities of independent traders.



Create a network of low carbon, smart towns

The Scottish Government should set up a taskforce to investigate how to deliver low carbon infrastructure - like electric charging points - outside of Scotland's cities.



Give high streets extra relief

The Scottish Government and Councils should co-design targeted business rates help for hard-pressed high streets



Modernise Scotland's commercial property market

The Scottish Government should look to regulate the commercial property market by introducing standard terms in commercial leases for small businesses.



Roll out shared banking hubs in hard-hit towns

The UK Government should instruct Scotland's biggest banks to roll-out shared banking hubs in Scottish towns with no local facilities.