

## **EX30. COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT**

The Executive considered a report by the Director of Corporate and Housing Services summarising the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 and highlighting the implications for the Council.

The Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 was passed by the Scottish Government on 17 June 2015. The overall aim of the Act is to empower communities through the ownership and control of land and buildings and by strengthening their voices in decisions about public services. The Act covers:-

- National Outcomes;
- Community Planning;
- Participation Requests;
- Community Right to Buy;
- Asset Transfer Functions;
- Delegation of Forestry Commission Functions;
- Supporter Involvement in Football Clubs;
- Common Good;
- Allotments;
- Participation in Public Decision Making including Participatory Budgeting; and
- Non Domestic Rates.

The report summarised each of these topics and set out the implications for Council.

Councillor C Martin, seconded by Councillor Nicol, moved that the Executive agrees to:

- (1) note the Act as passed;
- (2) ask for updates in relation to the review of Local Community Planning; and
- (3) ask for further updates as further Guidance and Regulations are issued.

As an amendment, Councillor Coleman, seconded by Councillor Alexander moved, in addition, that the Executive refer the report to Council.

Following a commitment from Councillor Martin that a seminar on the Act would be held for all members (and before the next meeting of the Executive, if possible), the amendment was withdrawn.

### **Decision**

#### **The Executive:**

- (1) **noted the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 as passed;**
- (2) **requested updates in relation to the review of Local Community Planning; and**
- (3) **requested further updates as further Guidance and Regulations are issued.**