

EX22. Community Empowerment (Scotland) ACT 2015

The Executive considered a report by the Director of Corporate and Housing Services on the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 presenting proposed responses to consultations issued in regard to the Act and providing information on locality planning and participatory budgeting.

While the Act was passed on 17 June 2015, much of the secondary legislation bringing it into effect is still to be enacted.

A report on the Act was submitted to the Executive 18 August 2015 (ref EX30) and a seminar for all members on its likely implications was held on 23 September 2015.

The report summarised the key features of the Act in regard to:

- community planning;
- participation requests;
- community right to buy; and
- asset transfer requests.

When the report was written, the Scottish Government was consulting on the following:-

- draft Guidance and Regulation for Community Planning (closing date 13 June 2016);
- draft Regulations on Participation Requests (closing date 15 June 2016);
- draft Regulations on Asset Transfer (closing date 20th June 2016); and
- secondary legislation relating to part of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003 (closing date 20 June 2016).

The consultations documents were appended to the report together with proposed responses for each.

A further seminar on the latest position in regard to the implications of the Act was proposed.

Decision

The Executive:-

- (1) noted the consultation documents and approved the responses attached as appendices 2 to 5 of the report;**
- (2) approved the work already started in relation to locality planning and participatory budgeting and asked officers to continue to develop the work and to provide further updates in relation to it;**

- (3) asked officers to develop processes and procedures in relation to parts of the Act where draft regulations have been issued with a view to reporting back to the Executive in the autumn;**
- (4) asked for further updates in progress as further guidance and regulations are issued, and**
- (5) noted that a seminar will be held for all elected members on the latest position of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015.**