

Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 – Community Planning Guidance and Regulation Consultation

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- Community Planning Guidance and Regulation

- **Feedback from Area Community Planning Groups will help shape collective response**
- **Partners and community organisations can participate directly in consultation too**

Community Planning just one aspect of the whole consultation

- **Community Right to Buy abandoned, neglected or detrimental land**
- **Crofting Community Right to Buy**
- **Asset transfer - draft regulations**
- **Participation requests – draft regulations**
- **Community Planning - guidance and regulations – closes on the 13th June 2016**

Two parts to the Community Planning draft guidance and regulation

1) Principles of effective community planning

2) Specific guidance on statutory plans

- Single Outcome Agreements to Local Outcomes Improvement Plans
- Introduction of Locality Plans

Principles of effective community planning

**Guidance sets out expectations for CPPs
on 9 principles**

**Out of 32 expectations, we feel we are
delivering:**

13 in full

14 in part

Need to initiate work on 5

Single Outcome Agreement to Local Outcomes Improvement Plans

- **Change to terminology not content**
- **Local improvement priorities and how partners will work together**
- **Reports to Scottish Government will include how communities and community bodies have been involved**

Introduction of Locality Plans

- Plans required to identify “*communities who experience significant inequalities of outcome from socio-economic disadvantage*” and should set outcomes for improvements to tackle these inequalities
- Number of different approaches to doing this with the draft guidance suggesting that the plans are based on:
 - Population size
 - Experience of inequality and multiple factors of deprivation / poverty

Introduction of Locality Plans continued.

Draft guidance asks the following questions specifically on locality plans:

We propose that the draft regulation for locality planning should set one criterion only, which is a maximum population permissible for a locality. Do you agree? What are your reasons?

The draft regulation sets a maximum population size for localities subject to locality planning of 30,000 residents. It also proposes an exception which allows a CPP to designate a local authority electoral ward as a locality even where its population exceeds 30,000 residents. Are there circumstances in which these criteria would prevent a CPP from applying a reasonable approach to locality planning? What difference would it make to how localities were identified for the purposes of locality planning in the CPP areas(s) in which you have an interest, if the maximum population size were set at (a) 25,000 residents or (b) 20,000 residents?

(all consultation questions are available on your handout)

Current situation

- **Lots of plans**
- **Duplication of “locality plan” with Health and Social Care locality plans**
- **Need to focus on areas experiencing deprivation**
- **Lots of community led action plans**
- **Need to ensure Area Community Planning Groups have a key role**
- **Need to ensure community Planning works and delivers**

Suggestions from the Draft Guidance

- **Reducing inequalities**
- **Addressing poverty and deprivation**
- **Working at a neighbourhood level**
- **Focus on improvement**

Initial thoughts....

- **An overarching “locality plan”, could be an SOA:Local or any other name**
- **One for each administrative area (four in total)**
- **Contents**
 - Areas within the administrative area that experience deprivation
 - Existing community action plans and community led activities
 - Thematic activity for economy, health and social care locality work, transport and digital, planning etc as per SOA outcomes
 - Identification of areas experiencing most deprivation with minimum partnership involvement / no community action plan
- **Area Community Planning Groups would have ownership**

Initial thoughts....

- **Community Development resource to facilitate community action plans where appropriate**
- **All relevant plans and strategies in one place**
- **All relevant officers working within themes providing updates to Area Community Planning Groups**
- **Area Community Planning Groups would ensure engagement in development of plan and delivery of it**
- **Area Community Planning Groups highlight to CPP Management Committee challenges to delivery**

Your response to the draft guidance questions.....

<https://consult.scotland.gov.uk/community-empowerment-unit/community-planning-guidance>