

Community Empowerment (Scotland) Bill

Report to: Board
Date: 26 June 2015
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PURPOSE OF REPORT

To advise members of provisions in the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Bill, which was passed by MSPs on 17 June 2015.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Board:

1. Notes the content of the report.

Version Control and Consultation Recording Form

Version	Consultation	Manager	Brief Description of Changes	Date
	Senior Management			
	Legal Services			
	Resources Directorate			
	Committee Consultation (where appropriate)			
	Partnership Forum Consultation (where appropriate)			
Equality Impact Assessment				
To be completed when submitting a new or updated policy (guidance, practice or procedure) for approval.				
Policy Title:				
Date of Initial Assessment:				
EIA Carried Out			YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If yes, please attach the accompanying EIA and briefly outline the equality and diversity implications of this policy.				
If no, you are confirming that this policy will have no negative impact on people with a protected characteristic and a full Equality Impact Assessment is not required.			Name: P Lowe Position: Policy Analyst	
Authorised by Director	Name: R Okasha		Date: 19 June 2015	

1.0 BACKGROUND

The Community Empowerment (Scotland) Bill has been passed by MSPs in the Scottish Parliament. The Bill makes provision for:

- the development of National Outcomes for Scotland;
- a statutory basis for Community Planning Partnerships; and
- processes to allow community bodies to request to become involved in the delivery of public services or to take on assets from the public sector.

Appendix 1 provides a summary of provisions within the Bill.

During Stage 3 proceedings, an amendment was passed that amends section 115 of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010 (joint inspections), defining the joint inspection of children's services with reference to the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014, rather than the Local Government in Scotland Act 2003.

2.0 BENEFITS FOR PEOPLE WHO USE SERVICES AND THEIR CARERS

By being aware of provisions within the Bill, the Care Inspectorate can effectively plan for and appropriately adapt to the changes introduced. This preparation will put the Care Inspectorate in a strong position to support partners in maintaining standards of care and protection as the Bill is implemented and to continue providing assurance for people who use services.

3.0 CONCLUSION

The Community Empowerment (Scotland) Bill has been passed by MSPs in the Scottish Parliament, introducing a range of provisions designed to empower communities and continue the public service reform process through a focus on outcomes and by placing community planning partnerships on a statutory footing. Appendix 1 provides a summary of provisions within the Bill.

LIST OF APPENDICES

Appendix 1 - Summary of Community Empowerment (Scotland) Bill

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