



Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015

What It Means for Community Planning

Summary of Changes (1)

From (2003 Act)	To (2015 Act)
CP as process, where partners co-operate in local service delivery.	Clear purpose for CP: how public bodies work together and with the local community to plan and act to improve local outcomes.
No statutory reference to CPPs.	Duties on CPPs around this redefined purpose, and to act with view to tackle inequalities. Includes preparing LOIP, reviewing and reporting on progress. Also to prepare locality plans for localities in which communities experience poorest outcomes.

Summary of Changes (2)

From (2003 Act)	To (2015 Act)
Duties on statutory partners restricted to participation in CP.	Duties on public sector partners linked to CP purpose - including resourcing LOIP priorities, and taking account of these in undertaking their own functions.
Only 6 statutory partners.	Expanded list of statutory partner bodies (e.g. SNH, SDS, regional colleges, IJBs).

Summary of Changes (3)

From (2003 Act)	To (2015 Act)
Duties on local authority alone to maintain and facilitate CP.	Promotes shared leadership and governance. Places governance duties on a defined set of partners, to facilitate CP and take reasonable steps to ensure CPP operates effectively.
General duty to consult with communities.	More than consultation. Full <u>participation</u> with communities expected throughout CP process. Includes duties on partners to resource participation.

Making Statutory Duties Work

Statutory duties on:

- CPPs
- governing partners
- all statutory partners

- Community engagement & co-production
- Understanding of area's needs, incl. distinctive needs of communities
- Clear vision
- Focus on key priorities
- Focus on prevention
- Tackling inequalities
- Aligned resources
- Strong shared leadership
- Effective performance management
- Robust governance & accountability



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Other Features in 2015 Act Relevant to CPPs and Partner Bodies

- Part 3 – Participation requests
- Part 4 – Community right to buy
- Part 5 – Asset transfer requests
- Part 10 – Participation in Public Decision-Making

Next Steps

- Different parts of the new Act are likely to come into force at different times.
- As a rough estimate, we expect most parts of the Act to come into effect within next 12 months.
- We are preparing supporting statutory guidance.

Making It Work



What are the issues for this CPP and for us as partners?