

To: Renfrewshire Forum For Empowering Communities
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TITLE:
Community Planning and Asset Transfer Guidance

1. Summary

- 1.1 Further guidance was published by Scottish Government in November and December 2016 regarding different aspects of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015, relevant to Community Planning And Asset Transfer.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that Renfrewshire Forum For Empowering Communities notes provisions of the finalised Community Planning Guidance, draft final Asset Transfer Guidance for Community Transfer Bodies and draft final Asset Transfer Guidance For Relevant Authorities.

3. Background

- 3.1 The Scottish Government issued in December 2016 finalised guidance on the Community Planning section of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015. Further guidance was also issued for Community Transfer Bodies in November 2016 on Asset Transfer.
- 3.2 The community planning guidance sets out the principles of community participation and specific guidance on developing the Local Outcome Improvement Plan and Locality Plans.
- 3.3 The Asset Transfer guidance has separate guidance for “Community Transfer Bodies” i.e. community organisations seeking to take on an asset and “Relevant Authorities”, i.e. the statutory organisations releasing assets.
- 3.4 Renfrewshire Forum For Empowering Communities has previously considered the draft guidance on the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015. The Forum has a key role to play in ensuring that communities and the third sector throughout Renfrewshire have a strong voice and influence in the development of the Local

Outcome Improvement Plans and Locality Action Plans and that the needs and aspirations of communities are understood by community planning partners in the development of these plans.

- 3.5 Links to relevant Scottish Government guidance documents in relation to community planning and asset transfer are:

<http://www.gov.scot/Publications/2016/12/8801> **Community Empowerment Act
Community Planning Guidance**

<http://www.gov.scot/Publications/2016/12/4607/downloads#res511918> **Community
Empowerment Act Community Planning Guidance Plain English**

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ssi/2016/364/made/data.pdf> **Statutory instrument
regarding locality planning**

<http://www.gov.scot/Publications/2016/11/3688> **Community Asset Transfer Guidance
For Community Transfer Bodies**

<http://www.gov.scot/Publications/2016/11/1889> **Community Asset Transfer Guidance
For Relevant Authorities**

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