

## **COMMUNITY WEALTH BUILDING CONSULTATION**

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

### **General advancement of the Community Wealth Building approach**

**Q1. a) We are proposing a duty to advance Community Wealth Building, which form do you think this duty should take:**

Other

HOPS would defer to the individual local authority responses on this matter.

However, we note that there would be resource implications placed on local authorities should a duty be taken forward. Any duty would need to help enable local authorities progress work on Community Wealth Building in their area rather than be a matter of compliance.

**Q1. b) One-way Scottish Government could support the implementation of the proposed Community Wealth Building duty is to provide statutory or non-statutory guidance. Would this be helpful to partners in meeting the proposed duty?**

Yes

HOPS in would support any guidance available to support local authorities. Non-statutory guidance would be the preferred option given the expected difficulties in producing statutory guidance that would be applicable in all cases or areas. Clarity around Community Wealth Building terms would be beneficial. Understanding the landscape of existing applicable guidance would be of assistance, any new guidance could be produced to cover gaps.

In addition, to support any guidance HOPS would welcome:

- A single point landing point (or hub) to access information
- Advice or support networks
- Methods for organisations to share good practice

**Q2. a) Are there other non-legislative measures that you believe are required to accelerate the implementation of the Community Wealth Building approach in Scotland?**

Don't know

HOPS would defer to individual local authority responses on this matter.

We do believe that Community Wealth Building needs to be aligned with other national outcomes such as those on health and the environment to be implemented as swiftly as possible.

**Q2. b) Are there specific actions required to advance delivery of the items contained within the Shared Policy Programme outlined on page 11?**

Don't know

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### **Spending pillar**

#### **Q3. Are there ways in which the law could be changed to advance the spending pillar of Community Wealth Building?**

Don't know

HOPS would defer to individual local authority responses on this matter.

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### **Workforce pillar**

#### **Q4. Employment law is reserved to the UK Parliament. Are there other devolved areas where the law could be changed to advance the workforce pillar of Community Wealth Building?**

Don't know

HOPS would defer to individual local authority responses on this matter.

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### **Land and property pillar**

#### **Q5. Are there ways in which the law could be changed which are not already covered in the proposals for the Land Reform Bill to advance the land and property pillar of Community Wealth Building?**

Yes

Section 75 obligation (Developer Contributions) mechanisms could be more closely aligned with Community Wealth Building, contributions could for example stipulate the need to support local supply chains and the creation of job opportunities.

New measures should be implemented to allow for the reinvestment of land value uplift back into the community.

Efforts are being made by local authorities into addressing vacant and derelict land. However, improvements could be made on the accessibility and timeliness of the potential funding streams available, projects with long term benefits can be overlooked in favour of "shovel ready" projects which fit in with short term funding measures.

Compulsory Purchase Orders processes could be streamlined and easier to use, potentially also being amended to allow for intervention. This in turn could be supported by the [Compulsory Sales Order](#) previously proposed by the Scottish Land Commission, allowing for a mechanism to bring forward vacant a derelict sites which have been in place for considerable time.

Should there be the potential to update National Planning Framework 4, consideration should be given to embedding Community Wealth Building principles in the planning system.

National Planning Framework 4:

- Links between renewable developments, especially those of national significance, and the creation of community wealth funds needs to be investigated
- Statements of community benefit, including affordable homes and service requirements could be strengthened to incorporate Community Wealth Building

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There need to be clear linkages between the Land Reform Bill and any Community Wealth Building Guidance.

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### **Inclusive ownership pillar**

**Q6. Are there ways in which the law could be changed to advance the inclusive ownership pillar of Community Wealth Building?**

Don't know

HOPS would defer to individual local authority responses on this matter.

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### **Finance pillar**

**Q7. Are there ways in which the law could be changed to advance the finance pillar of Community Wealth Building?**

Don't know

HOPS would defer to individual local authority responses on this matter.

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### **About you**

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Organisation

**What is your organisation?**

Heads of Planning Scotland (HOPS)

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Yes