

LEARNING FROM LOCAL PLACE PLANS

KEY TERMS

What Are Local Place Plans?

Local Place Plans were introduced by the Planning (Scotland) Act 2019 as a means for local communities to produce their own plans as part of the new Scottish planning system. Local Place Plans contain the community's proposals for the development and use of land. It can describe the ways in which a community may want to influence local planning priorities.

What is "the Act?"

The Planning (Scotland) Act 2019 is the act in which Local Place Plans were introduced, it along with the new National Planning Framework will set the scope for planning in Scotland for years to come. When "the act" is referred to in any relevant literature, it will mean this act.

What is a Local Place Plan Area?

A **Local Place Plan Area** is the geographical land in which the local place plan relates. There is a requirement for a map of the place plan to be provided so a LPP area can be clearly defined

What is a Planning Authority?

Community groups will have to speak to whichever **Planning Authority** is in charge of their local place plan area. Planning authorities in Scotland are the 32 local authorities and the 2 national park authorities.

What is a Locality Plan?

Every community planning partnership is required to create and make public a plan for each identified locality or any other localities within the local authority's area if they are involved in community planning there.

Locality Plans outline the specific priorities and outcomes that the partnership aims to achieve for that locality, including proposed improvements and a timeframe for implementation. To create a locality plan, the partnership must consult with relevant community organisations and other individuals as they deem necessary. After the plan is drafted, the partnership must consider any feedback or concerns received from the community and consider the needs and circumstances of the people living in the locality before publishing the plan.

What is a Community Council?

A **Community Council** is a democratically elected voluntary organisation set up by statute by the Local Authority, whose main purpose is to gather and organise the opinions of the community it represents and communicate them to local and public authorities about issues that concern them. Additionally, the council takes appropriate actions for the benefit of the community, as long as they are practical and feasible.

What is a Community-Controlled Body?

A **Community-Controlled Body** is a group (either incorporated or unincorporated) that has a written constitution containing the following elements:

1. A definition of the community it serves.
2. The majority of the body's members must be from that community.
3. Membership is open to any member of that community.
4. The body has a stated purpose of promoting a benefit for the community.
5. A provision where surplus funds or assets of the body must be used for the benefit of that community.

What is a Local Development Plan?

A **Local Development Plan** is a strategy for physical development that lasts for 5 to 10 years. It applies to every council area in Scotland and involves identifying locations for new development, like housing, and areas that need to be protected. The plan guides decisions on all planning applications

What is a community Anchor Organisation?

Community Anchor Organisations (sometimes referred to as just anchor organisations) are important community-based organizations that are owned and controlled by local people. They provide leadership, support, and services that respond to the needs of local residents. These organizations may own community assets and have a way of generating income. CAOs play a critical role in building strong relationships within the community, promoting community resilience, and improving the quality of life for local residents. When developing a local place plan, it's essential to communicate with CAOs to ensure that the plan is effectively delivered.

What is an Anchor Institution?

There is sometimes a conflation with Community Anchor Organisations and **Anchor Institutions** (also referred to as Anchor organisations) which are large organisations whose long-term sustainability depends on the wellbeing of the populations they serve. Whilst both can serve similar purposes an impacting and addressing local priorities the distinction should be acknowledged for the development of local place plans

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