

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN SCOTLAND ACT 2003

EXPLANATORY NOTES

THE ACT – SECTION BY SECTION

Part 2 – Community Planning

Section 15 – Community Planning

39. This section provides a statutory basis for the Community Planning process and relates to local authorities (as defined in section 61(c)(ii)).
40. *Subsection (1)* describes the Community Planning process as one in which the public services provided in a local authority area must be planned and provided after consultation with community bodies and other public bodies responsible for providing those services, and with the on-going co-operation among those bodies. This section requires local authorities to initiate maintain and facilitate such a process in their area and they have responsibility to determine the means of consultation and co-operation.
41. In *subsection (2)* local authorities are further required to invite and encourage all other public bodies in their area, and appropriate community bodies, to participate in Community Planning.
42. *Subsection (3)* makes provision where two or more local authorities jointly deliver a service. Where such an approach is taken, the local authorities involved may fulfil their duty of Community Planning jointly.