



# Local Government in Scotland Act 2003

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### PART 3

#### POWER TO ADVANCE WELL-BEING

#### **20 Power to advance well-being**

- (1) A local authority has power to do anything which it considers is likely to promote or improve the well-being of—
  - (a) its area and persons within that area; or
  - (b) either of those.
- (2) The power under subsection (1) above includes power to—
  - (a) incur expenditure,
  - (b) give financial assistance to any person,
  - (c) enter into arrangements or agreements with any person,
  - (d) co-operate with, or facilitate or co-ordinate the activities of, any person,
  - (e) exercise on behalf of any person any functions of that person, and
  - (f) provide staff, goods, materials, facilities, services or property to any person.
- (3) The power under subsection (1) above may be exercised in relation to, or for the benefit of—
  - (a) the whole or any part of the area of the local authority;
  - (b) all or some of the persons within that area.
- (4) The power under subsection (1) above includes power to do anything—
  - (a) in relation to, or for the benefit of, any persons or place outwith the area of the local authority; or
  - (b) in any such place,if the authority considers that doing so is likely to achieve the purpose set out in that subsection.
- (5) The Scottish Ministers may, by order, extend the meaning of “well-being” for the purposes of this section.

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*Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).*

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- (6) Such an order shall be made by statutory instrument but not unless a draft of it has been laid before and approved by resolution of the Scottish Parliament.
- (7) Before laying such a statutory instrument, the Scottish Ministers shall consult such associations of local authorities as they think fit.