



Planning (Scotland) Act 2019

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PART 4

OTHER MATTERS

Chief planning officers

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- (1) The Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 is amended as follows.
- (2) After section 1 insert—

“1A Planning authorities: chief planning officer

- (1) Each planning authority must have a chief planning officer.
- (2) The role of an authority’s chief planning officer is to advise the authority about the carrying out of—
 - (a) the functions conferred on them by virtue of the planning Acts, and
 - (b) any function conferred on them by any other enactment, insofar as the function relates to development.
- (3) The Scottish Ministers must issue guidance to planning authorities concerning the role of an authority’s chief planning officer.
- (4) A planning authority may not appoint a person as their chief planning officer unless satisfied that the person has appropriate qualifications and experience for the role.
- (5) In deciding what constitutes appropriate qualifications and experience for the role of chief planning officer, a planning authority must have regard to any guidance on the matter issued by the Scottish Ministers.”.