

## **POLICY NOTE**

### **THE REQUIREMENTS FOR COMMUNITY LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2013**

#### **SSI 2013/175**

The above instrument was made in exercise of the powers conferred by section 2 of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980 (“the 1980 Act”). The instrument is subject to negative procedure.

#### **Policy Objectives**

The policy is to impose requirements on education authorities in relation to community learning and development (CLD). The Scottish Government’s policies for reforming public services, reforming in particular post-16 education and for empowering communities require a strengthened basis for CLD that supports planning to secure the provision of CLD based consistently on a robust assessment of needs with learners and communities.

#### **Consultation**

There is no statutory requirement to consult, but in accordance with good practice, a consultation on a draft of the instrument was undertaken between 28 March and 26 April 2013. The consultation consisted of:

- An invitation to submit written comments issued through both the Scottish Government and Education Scotland websites. Information on the invitation to comment was widely circulated to those with a likely interest in the instrument.
- An invitation to all Local Authority Chief Executives to send two representatives to one of three consultation events (in Aberdeen, Glasgow and an online event).

164 written responses were received. 44 people representing 23 local authorities attended the events in Aberdeen and Glasgow. Take up of the online event was limited and did not add to the number of local authorities represented.

Following consultation, an event was held to gather the views of key stakeholders in CLD across public and third sectors on the emerging conclusions from the consultation.

A consultation report including a full list of those consulted and who agreed to the release of this information will be published on the Scottish Government and/or Education Scotland websites. Responses and/or comments were received from:

- 27 local authorities

- The major third sector partners in CLD, including Youthlink Scotland, Learning Link Scotland, the Scottish Youth Parliament, the Scottish Community Development Centre and Youth Scotland.
- The CLD Standards Council for Scotland and key networks of stakeholders in CLD, including CLD Managers Scotland and the Community Development Alliance Scotland.
- LGBT Youth Scotland, Inclusion Scotland, Stonewall Scotland and the Equality and Human Rights Commission.
- Glasgow Housing Association and the Glasgow and West of Scotland Forum of Housing Associations.
- Bòrd na Gàidhlig.

### **Impact Assessments**

The instrument will set requirements in relation to the existing duties of local authorities (under section 1 of the 1980 Act). The instrument does not impact directly or indirectly on individuals. In light of this, an equality impact assessment was not considered necessary and has not been undertaken.

### **Financial Effects**

The Minister for Children and Young people confirms that no BRIA is necessary as the instrument has no financial effects on the Scottish Government, local government or on business.

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