

# Localism Act 2011

## **2011 CHAPTER 20**

#### PART 5

COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT

#### **CHAPTER 2**

#### COMMUNITY RIGHT TO CHALLENGE

### **Provision of advice and assistance**

- (1) The Secretary of State may do anything that the Secretary of State considers appropriate for the purpose of giving advice or assistance to a relevant body in relation to—
  - (a) the preparation of an expression of interest for submission to a relevant authority and its submission to a relevant authority,
  - (b) participation in a procurement exercise carried out by a relevant authority in response to an expression of interest, or
  - (c) the provision of a relevant service on behalf of a relevant authority following such a procurement exercise.
- (2) The Secretary of State may do anything that the Secretary of State considers appropriate for the purpose of giving advice or assistance about the operation of this Chapter to a body or person other than a relevant body.
- (3) The things that the Secretary of State may do under this section include, in particular—
  - (a) the provision of financial assistance to a relevant body;
  - (b) the making of arrangements with a body or person (whether or not a relevant body), including arrangements for things that may be done by the Secretary of State under this section to be done by that body or person;
  - (c) the provision of financial assistance to a body or person other than a relevant body in connection with arrangements under paragraph (b).

Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).

- (4) In this section references to a relevant body include a body that the Secretary of State considers was formed wholly or partly by employees or former employees of the relevant authority for the purposes of, or for purposes including—
  - (a) participating in a procurement exercise carried out by the authority, or
  - (b) providing a relevant service on the authority's behalf.
- (5) In this section—
  - (a) the reference to giving advice or assistance includes providing training or education, and
  - (b) any reference to the provision of financial assistance is to the provision of financial assistance by any means (including the making of a loan and the giving of a guarantee or indemnity).