

*These notes refer to the Deregulation Act 2015 (c.20)  
which received Royal Assent on 26 March 2015*

# DEREGULATION ACT 2015

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## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

#### *Section 100: Repeal of duty to prepare sustainable community strategy*

465. This section repeals section 4 of the Local Government Act 2000. The effect of these provisions is to remove the duty for local authorities to prepare a Sustainable Community Strategy and the linked duty to, when preparing or modifying their Sustainable Community Strategy, consult with and seek the participation of their partner authorities and such other persons as they consider appropriate. The Sustainable Community Strategy is intended to set the overall strategic direction and long-term vision for promoting or improving the economic, social and environmental well-being of a local area.
466. The repeal is being made as part of the localism agenda and gives local authorities the freedom to decide whether or not a Sustainable Community Strategy is needed for their area. On 13 April 2011 the statutory guidance to local authorities on preparing a Sustainable Community Strategy was withdrawn, and the intention to repeal both duties once a suitable legislative vehicle had been identified was announced.
467. [Section 4](#) forms part of the law of England and Wales but the duty to prepare a Sustainable Community Strategy only applies to local authorities in England. This section has the same extent and application and comes into force at the end of the period of 2 months beginning with the day on which the Act is passed.