

COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 2015

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part 7: Football Clubs

Overview

357. This Part provides the Scottish Ministers with a power to make regulations about the role that the supporters of football clubs play in connection with the club they support.
358. There are two main aspects to what the Scottish Ministers can do by means of these regulations. Firstly, the Scottish Ministers may make provision designed to assist the supporters of a football club to become more involved in the making of decisions about the management, operation or governance of the football club they support. Secondly, regulations may be made to facilitate supporter ownership of football clubs (for example, by conferring a right to buy the club or part of it).
359. The power is provided in section 99(1) and the remaining provisions of the Part provide further detail as to how the power may be exercised. The provision should also be read in conjunction with section 142 (which makes general provision about subordinate legislation under the Act) which provides that different provision may be made in different circumstances and allows for a range of ancillary provision to be made in connection with the regulations. Section 142 also specifies that regulations made under section 99(1) are subject to the affirmative procedure.