

## Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015

## PART 9

## **ALLOTMENTS**

Local authority functions

## 119 Duty to prepare food-growing strategy

- (1) Each local authority must prepare a food-growing strategy for its area.
- (2) A local authority must publish the food-growing strategy before the expiry of the period of two years beginning with the day on which this section comes into force.
- (3) A food-growing strategy is a document—
  - (a) identifying land in its area that the local authority considers may be used as allotment sites,
  - (b) identifying other areas of land in its area that could be used by a community for the cultivation of vegetables, fruit, herbs or flowers,
  - (c) describing how, where the authority is required to take reasonable steps under section 112(1), the authority intends to increase the provision in its area of—
    - (i) allotments, or
    - (ii) other areas of land for use by a community for the cultivation of vegetables, fruit, herbs or flowers, and
  - (d) containing such other information as may be prescribed.
- (4) The description required by paragraph (c) of subsection (3) must in particular describe whether and how the authority intends to increase the provision of the types of land mentioned in paragraph (a) or (b) of that subsection in communities which experience socio-economic disadvantage.
- (5) The authority must publish the food-growing strategy on a website or by other electronic means.