

## POLICY NOTE

### THE PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 2019 (COMMENCEMENT NO. 8) REGULATIONS 2021

#### SSI 2021/480 (C. 36)

The above instrument was made in exercise of the powers conferred by section 63(2) of the Planning (Scotland) Act 2019. The instrument is subject to no procedure.

**Purpose of the instrument.** The instrument brings into effect sections 14(1), 14(3) and 14(7) of the Planning (Scotland) Act 2019 on 22 January 2022. This makes provisions for the introduction of local place plans into the Scottish planning system.

#### Policy Objectives

The purpose of this instrument is to activate these provisions for the introduction of local place plans into the Scottish planning system. For section 14(1), it comes into force on 22 January 2022 only for the purpose of the commencement of section 14(3) and (7) of the Planning (Scotland) Act 2019.

Section 14(3) inserts section 15B into the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997. Section 15B provides for Ministers to undertake a review of local place plans after a period of 7 years beginning with the day on which the Bill for the Planning (Scotland) Act 2019 received Royal Assent (25 July 2019). It also provides that Scottish Ministers may, by notice, require a planning authority to provide it with such information as is specified or described in the notice and which they require for the purpose of the review.

Section 14(7) inserts Schedule 19: Local Place Plans into the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997. Schedule 19 makes provisions for the preparation of local place plans by a community body and the registration of local place plans by the planning authority.

#### Consultation

As these regulations only bring into force provisions of the Act, no consultation has been carried out in relation to this instrument.

#### Impact Assessments

As these regulations only bring into force provisions of the Act, no impact assessments have been carried out in relation to this instrument.

#### Financial Effects

The Minister for Public Finance, Planning and Community Wealth confirms that no Business and Regulatory Impact Assessment is necessary, as the instrument only brings into force the provisions of the Act and in itself has no financial effects on the Scottish Government, local government or on business.

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