

## **Area Partnership - Information Pack:**

### **Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015:**

Principles of Community Empowerment – Audit Scotland:

[https://www.audit-scotland.gov.uk/uploads/docs/report/2019/briefing\\_190725\\_community\\_empowerment.pdf](https://www.audit-scotland.gov.uk/uploads/docs/report/2019/briefing_190725_community_empowerment.pdf)

Scottish Government:

<https://www.gov.scot/policies/community-empowerment/>

SBC website for local information:

[https://www.scotborders.gov.uk/info/20062/strategies\\_plans\\_and\\_policies/357/community\\_empowerment\\_scotland\\_act\\_2015](https://www.scotborders.gov.uk/info/20062/strategies_plans_and_policies/357/community_empowerment_scotland_act_2015)

Scottish Community Development Centre:

<https://www.scdc.org.uk/>

COSLA/Scottish Government:

The [Scottish Community Empowerment Action Plan](#) was developed before the Act but many of the principles still stand.

### **Community Planning:**

Community Planning is how public bodies work together and with the community in each council area to make life better for people. The Act changes the rules about community planning to make it work better. Community planning partners will have to make plans for local areas which may need different things. These plans describe the local priorities, what improvements are planned and when these improvements will be made. It aims to meet the needs and ambitions of local people so the voices of local people are especially important.

SB Community Plan & Locality Plans:

[https://www.scotborders.gov.uk/downloads/download/1310/locality\\_plans](https://www.scotborders.gov.uk/downloads/download/1310/locality_plans)

SBC Council Meetings CPP Strategic Board:

<https://scottishborders.moderngov.co.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?CId=185&Year=0>

Link to SoSE:

<https://www.southofscotlandenterprise.com/>

SoSE Operating Plan:

[https://www.southofscotlandenterprise.com/media/1134/sose\\_operatingplan20\\_interactive.pdf](https://www.southofscotlandenterprise.com/media/1134/sose_operatingplan20_interactive.pdf)

**Asset Transfer:**

SBC website including SBC Community Asset Transfer Policy:

<https://www.scotborders.gov.uk/assettransfer>

Community Ownership Support Service (COSS):

<https://dtascommunityownership.org.uk/sites/default/files/Asset%20transfer%20route%20map%20web.pdf>

[COSS asset transfer route map](#)

[COSS asset transfer process](#)

[COSS Introduction to Community Asset Transfer](#)

[COSS Asset Transfer Feasibility](#)

[COSS Resources including case studies](#)

**Participation Requests:**

SBC website including guidance from the Scottish Government:

<https://www.scotborders.gov.uk/participationrequests>

**Area Partnerships in other areas:**

[East Lothian](#)

[Renfrewshire](#)

**Participatory Budgeting:**

Participatory Budgeting (PB) is a process of involving communities in deciding how to spend public money. At its core PB is about community members shaping local services to more effectively meet local priorities.

60 sec guide to PB:

<https://pbscotland.scot/what-is-pb>

PB Scotland:

<https://pbscotland.scot/>

PB Podcasts:

<https://pbscotland.scot/blog/2020/9/8/new-podcasts-on-pb-in-scotland>

PB Charter:

<https://pbscotland.scot/charter>

Scottish Government PB info:

<https://www.gov.scot/policies/community-empowerment/participatory-budgeting/>

<https://www.gov.scot/news/community-choices-fund/>

What Works Scotland PB info:

<http://whatworksscotland.ac.uk/category/topic/Participatory-budgeting/>

North Ayrshire Council:

<http://northayrshire.community/participatory-budgeting-toolkit/35030/>

### **Community ownership:**

Community Land Scotland hosted two online events in January 2021 to share experiences of community ownership:

Midsteeple Quarter, Dumfries (MQ) project showcase, presentation and Q&A with the MQ team [here](#). Additional Q&As available in [this document](#)

MQ launched [a fundraising campaign](#) to help acquire more empty and neglected properties on Dumfries High Street, so that the group can achieve its ambitious plans for community-led town centre regeneration.

### **Community Land Scotland Panel discussion**

Presentation with Suzy Goodsir (Greener Kirkcaldy), Matt Baker (The Stove Network), Nick Plumb (Power to Change) and Dr Carey Doyle (Community Land Scotland) [here](#).

Pippa Coutts, Carnegie UK Trust - blog [Community Ownership, Recovery and Empowerment](#) to highlight some of the key insights from the session.

Carnegie UK Trust's [Flourishing Towns](#) work as well as the [cross-UK learning event focussing on community asset ownership in towns](#) held in February 2020.

Power to Change recent report [Take Back the High Street: Putting communities in charge of their own town centres](#).

### **Community Engagement Principles:**

Audit Scotland:

[https://www.audit-scotland.gov.uk/uploads/docs/report/2019/briefing\\_190725\\_community\\_empowerment.pdf](https://www.audit-scotland.gov.uk/uploads/docs/report/2019/briefing_190725_community_empowerment.pdf)

Scottish Community Development Centre:

[National Standards for Community Engagement](#)

